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THE BLACKS AND WHITES

OUR RACE TROUBLES DISCUSSED BY A CITIZEN

Of the Southland—Actual Observations—Past, Present and Future—A new Form of an old Subject.

Just now there are innumerable theories about the past, present, and future of the Negro, brought about mostly because of the remarkable political campaign just ended in North Carolina. To my mind neither of the contending parties to this great controversy have admitted or understood the real trouble. I maintain that the Negroes are wrong and so are the whites of the south. The white south stoutly claims that it is right. The south at heart does not desire to see the Negro exterminated or exported to Africa, if either were possible. But in their desperation to find a solution to the problem, they often make such statements. There are many Negroes, able men like Bishop Turner, in their haste to see the Negro enjoying every privilege now accorded only to the Anglo-Soxon when they have exhausted every other plan, resort to the impossible and obsurd proposition of colonization in Africa. I will dispose of the colinization scheme with these observations. All will admit that the Anglo-Saxon does nothing without counting the cost. Now suppose that under the same constitution, one citizen can expell another from the territory upon which each have the same rights. What follows? Here we have ten million Negroes. Every day since 1865 they have produced just five hundred decendants. It would take 20,000 steamers to carry the present ten million Negroes to Africa, the size of the St. Louis which has a carrying capacity of 500. It would take 45 steamers to carry the natural increase of the Negro population. If the government wishes to tax itself into bankruptcy, let it tackle this business. Any attempt at such a silly affair would demoralize business bankrupt the government, destroy the south and stop the dial of progress 100 years. Who believes anything of the kind will ever be attempted. Bishop Turner, it is dreamy. There are many no doubt who would like to see it accomplished both white and black. Realy I would not object to it were it sensible or possible.

If it were possible to get there who would we find, England, France, Belguim, Germany, Spain? To have a Negro country we would then have to prepare to fight for the next hundred years and what the result would be God only knows. Then since we have got to line with or under white people, had we not just as well go about it with these as to try a new set. The south is wrong because it realizes that it is impossible to keep the Negro in a subordinate position permanently, and refuses to recognize the fact. The Negro is wrong because he knows full well that the white man's position is untenable and I blame him, the Negro, for insisting on letting the white man know he knows it when a change of position is inevitable. It is very amusing to me to see the studied efforts of the white people to prove their superiority, often they have nothing to show for it, but a white skin. When caught in such positions they sometime grow desperate and wind up by resorting to their last resort the shot gun, as was recently done in Wilmington. I do not contend that the Negro is right in crowding them so close. It is not easy to judge in every such case although it was the first of the kind in this state. I will in another letter discuss the Wilmington riot. For years, practically ever since the war the Negro has held nearly every class of office in this state with little if any objection. They got offices about as fast as they were competent to fill them. The white people do not object to a thoroughly competent Negro as an officer, except they are too thick, and as a consequence it inspires the tough class of Negroes to become assertive; something the rank and file of white people will not stand. I wish the northern people could see it as it is. The white man believes and knows that he is a more important being than the Negro, measured by any standard. He will not allow the Negro to disregard it. The Negro will go by at times, but in the end he is called to account. We are not prepared for political ascendency. This statement I know will be objected to by your M. A. Majors. But I am prepared to prove it. I have lived and was born right here in the black belt of N. C. I am writing within three miles of my birth place. I was born in 1866 and have seen with my eyes the sentiment among white people change toward the Negro from the time when it was generally conceded that the Negro had no rights which a white man was bound to respect, when a Negro could not get justice in any court against a white man, when a Negro could not buy land in the country, when a Negro could not rent a house in the corporate limits of a town, when a Negro might be shot or kicked about with no effort to punish his assailants, when it was difficult to defend your person against a white man. All of these things have changed and just the reverse is true now. Of course there are exceptions, This change has been brought about within the last 20 year, under democratic control. The white man is very particular about who controls the reigns of government. He was so before the war, he is so to-day. Ever since 1876 the democrats controlled in North Carolina, up to 1894.

In 1885 there was organized in North Carolina, and throughout the south and west what was known as the Farmers Alliance. This organization was composed of disatisfied white farmers. A Negro was debarred. It was non-political at first. It sought to correct real or financial ills of the body politics without entering politics. No merchant, lawyer or anybody but farmers were elegible to membership. This organization failed of its purpose and on its ruins the populist or third party grew up.

Failing to carry the state in 1892, in 1894 they fused with the Republicans and they carried the state. As a result one Populist and one Republican Senator was elected to take the place of Jarvis and Ransom, Democrats. The Democrats did not grieve much because they too wished to get rid of the Ransom machine. The election law was changed County government was changed. Under the Democrats county commissioners and magistrates were appointed by the legislature or magistrates were, and in turn they elected the commissioners.

In this way all the magistrates were white and so were the commissioners. Magistrates can harass anybody high or low. In the strong Negro counties after the law was changed so that magistrates were elected by popular vote, the Negroes elected all or nearly all of the magistrates. Now let me make an admission that is as true as life. When the Negroes have the election of officers, they rarely ever select their best men. It is generally the loud-mouthed gimlet-heads that force themselves to the front. While the Negro monopolized these petty offices that paid nothing, they abused their privileges. Any sorry white man or colored one could get papers or warrants for the best whites men or women and have them dragged up by some tough Negro constable in a brutal swaggering manner, many a time in some thrown away shoe-shop or some other equally objectionable place and tried. Now do you believe these Negroes know anything about law. Not one in fifty knew what they were doing.

Let me say further that the white man has his own understanding of his institutions and will admit no change. Now in 1894 he practically said to the fusionists you have it, go with it. If you can beat us all right, if you don't do as well, we are going to have you.

The fusionist did not come up. The white fusionist were notoriously incompetent and so were the colored. I speak from experience. I speak not of what happened in Newburn or Wilmington, but of what was occurring in my own county being at times an unwilling participant. No man is strong enough to resist them. Everything is run by the machine and if you vary then judgment will get on you.

I regret to admit it, and I have been a Republican all my life but I must say that no people could have managed a large element of ignorant people as well as the white south has managed these Negroes. You cannot realize the difficulties encountered. Nothing but long suffering and the perseverance of the best whites have prevented collisions between the toughs of both elements. On all sides they talk to the better element of the Negroes to frown down on their lawless. They hold them back. To help them they have abolished the bar-room and county after county has gone dry and is staying so, all over the south; until you may travel for days and be unable to find a drink. All this was done to prevent collisions between the races. It is only in the large and well political towns that you find the bar-room and even there the bar-keeper is considered as belonging to the lower strata of society.

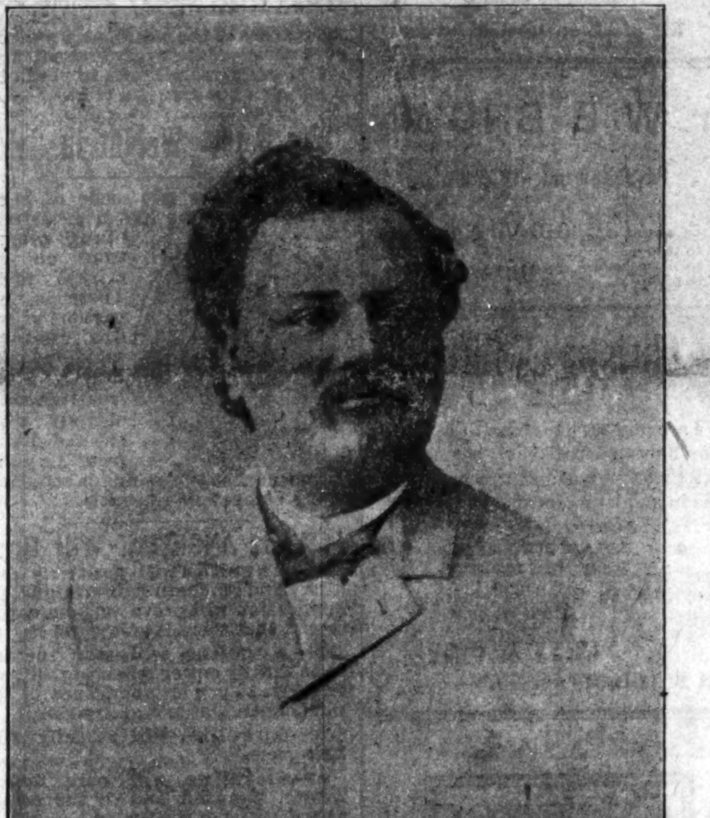
Mr. Henderson in telling his experience mentioned the fact that the school appropriation was unequally divided. It is claimed that the white man pays 90 per cent. of the tax. Lets say 80 per cent. Now what, he collects it all, he pays it out, considering the prejudice, is it at all surprising that in some instances there will be unequalities. It is simply marvelous that there is no more, Mr. Henderson says that the teachers are paid $20 and $25. That is all the whites are paid except in the cities as a rule. In the greater part of the state up to this fusion deal the colored men were committees for their own schools and hired their own teachers, set the price, if they did not get big salaries pray tell me who was to blame. The law fixes a maximum for whites and blacks alike as follows: $15, $25 and $35 per month. If you are treated just as the whites what do you want, better treatment?

There is much talk about the rights of the Negro. Its a delusive snare. I have never seen the time when I did not have as many rights as a white man. My only trouble was I had no money to enforce them. Let me illustrate. There are in this state corporations known as railroads. Everybody who can pick a chance are suing them for killing a cow, a pig, a goat, a hen or something. Public sentiment is against them and so are judges, jurors, solicitors and everybody. It is easier to get judgment against railroads than anything else, but the roads have the money. They employ the best counsel, move cases from court to court and if you don't be careful they will beat you in the end. They enforce their rights. Will you take a hint? Money! money!! Talk about christianity, its good but will not stand bonds or pay lawyers' fee. Then where is the necessity for litigation.

Seven miles from here there is a colored man postmaster in a town of 1,000 inhabitants, the majority of whom are as uncompromising Democrats as live anywhere in the south. This man is well educated. He knows something of human nature and southern white human nature especially. He has had no trouble. At Goldsboro there is another man of color assistant postmaster. Goldsboro has 5,000 people—nothing is said.

Wealth and education gives one standing on these shores. The most popular man North Carolina ever produced died a pauper. That was Zeb Vance. Office will not give us standing that will last. Office to a white man is delusive. There are a few rich men in politics. Most of the politicians die poor.

S. M. HILL,
Faison, N. C.



HON. A. M. MIDDLEBROOKS,

Pine Bluff, Ark, Ex-Member of the Legislature. (See Second Page.)

Capital City Lodge.

Lansing, Mich., Special.

Capital City Lodge, No. 8, F. & A. M., elected the following officers for the ensuring year, Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1898: W. M., Andrew Dungey; S. W., G. W. Valentine; J. W., Herman Simpson; Treasurer, William Tate; Secretary, W. Z. Beverly; Tyler, H. Freeman; S. D., William Wood; J. D., E. D. Lewis. Mrs. Cassie Owens, nee Vaughn, formerly a high-school pupil here, and a very bright young lady, died Sunday morning, Dec. 4, at her late home, Detroit, Mich., at the age of 20 years. She was a christian and died very happy. She leaves a father, mother, two sisters and three brothers to mourn her loss. The Baptist Young People's Union of the children are given a prominent part, which promises well for the future of that society. The A. M. E. church here is in a healthy condition, spiritually and temporally, and under the leadership of its whole-souled, far-seeing, energetic pastor, Rev. J. S. Masterson, is waking up to the importance of greater church activity in all its departments. The church is a capacious brick structure, well lighted and heated with an annex and a two-story brick parsonage.

Church News.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

Sunday the 4th was quarterly meeting at St. Stephens and Monday night Love Feast services was held. There was a concert given at St. Stephens by the little Kings Daughters the 8th which was quite a success. Members of Providence church are making extensive preparations for Xmas. There were song services at St. Stephens Sunday evening the 4th. The first Sunday in January will be ladies day at St. Stephens. The members are making great prepartions for Xmas. The Sunday school is growing steadily and great interest is manifest. There will be a concert at St. Stephens A. M. E. church December 21st 1898. Providence Baptist church will celebrate Christmas Saturday evening. St. Stephens A. M. E. church will celebrate Xmas on Monday evening, there will also be a banquet. The last Sunday of every month is missionary Sunday.

Election of Officers.

Huntington W. Va., Special.

James Minor an employe at the C. & O. Railroad shops met with a very painful accident last Sunday. Rev. Owens, presiding elder for this district was with us for a few days the past week. J. W. Scott, teacher in the Douglass school made a flying trip to Sewall W. Va., on the second inst., to attend the Fayette Teachers Association, of which he was president. Harry Capehart was in the city recently enroute to Norton and stopped over to see us. He is a constant reader of The Freeman and regards it as the best paper in America A grand time is anticipated here Xmas. The Rising Sons and Daughters will open a fair Monday to last all week. Don't forget to subscribe for The Freeman in time to get the Xmas issue. At a regular meeting of the D. S. L. S., the following officers were installed:—President, T. Nichols; vice president, Amanda James; secretary, Rosa Winston; assistant secretary, Clara Butler; treasurer, E. Scott; critic, Susie Woodson; newspaper editor A. C. Davis. Prof. A. E. Viney has returned from Sancaster.

Mt. Vernon News.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Special.

Mrs. Minnie Stoner of St. Louis was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Levi P. Thompson last week. Mrs. Stoner left for Walnut Hill to attend the bedside of her brother, Charles Nash, who is seriously ill with consumption. Mrs. Queenie Davis, formerly of this city, arrived here Tuesday from Little Rock, Ark. Mrs. Davis will make this her future home. Mrs. J. E. Bish and Master Miles returned to Chicago Monday after spending a few days with C. W. Bish and family. Master Roy Bish who has been seriously ill it is believed will recover. The colored school under the supervision of A. Y. King, principal and Miss Ludie S. Hall, assistant principal, deserves especial mention for its good record. Quite a number of excellent books have been purchased for a library from the proceeds of the last annual entertainment. The Baptists and Methodists have consolidated and elected a committee to work in union in the Christmas entertainments. The Baptists will entertain Monday evening, Dec. 26 and the Methodists on the following Saturday evening.

Knoxville Notes,

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.

Rev. Anderson pastor of the Maby street M. E. church, has just closed a successful revival. Mrs. Bettie Montgomery after a long spell of illness is improving. If you want to learn of the race, read The Freeman, for sale at Frank Deafauld Barber shop Vine street.

"THE BLUE GRASS STATE"

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST—COUNTY TEACAERS

Association Meet—Church News and Social Briefs—Instantly Killed—Births and Deaths.

Henderson, Ky., Special.

The County Teachers Association convened Dec., 10th, at the First Baptist church where a number of topics pertinent to school matters were discussed. The Cantata given by the children of St. Clements school was quite a success A sweet little rosebud of a girl made her appearance at the residence of J. M. Mundy, Nov., 28th. Miss Nannye Lewis, has returned from Owensboro. The Douglass Historical and Literary Society was organized recently at the Zion Methodist church. The officers as follows: Pres. Prof. James Cason; vice pres., Dr. W. Armstead; secretary, Miss F. A. Watson, ass't. secretary, Miss Elena J. Cabell; critic, Mrs. L. A. Lucas. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Early died Nov., 27th. Miss Leona Richman of Little Rock, Ark., is teaching at St. Clement school in place of Miss M. Lewis who resigned. William Moore was shot and instantly killed by Robert Anderson, Dec., 1st. The latter claims that Moore was attempting to set his house on fire. Born Dec., 6th to Mr. and Mrs. John Crabtree a son. Oscar the two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Woodson, was burned to death, Dec., 7th at the residence of his aunt on Julia street. Miss Fannie Price one of the teachers at Eight street public school favored the agent with one years subscription to The Freeman on Saturday last. Miss Price thinks The Freeman is the best colored paper she ever read. Miss B. Slaughter spent Saturday and Sunday in Evansville. Miss Susie Harris was indisposed last week. Master Robert Mitchell is convalescent from his recent illness. Mrs. W. C. Handy shipped a Xmas box to Portland, Oregon, for her husband W C. Handy, who is manager of the Mahara Minstrel band.

District Conference.

Martin, Tenn., Special.

The district conference of Tenn., closed on the four inst. A successful session was held, Rev. H. W. Key, presiding. On Wednesday night Rev. Jno. B. Booth preached the annual sermon. The conference organized Thursday at 9 a. m., Rev. Jesse Price was chosen president protem the elder being delayed. Rev. J. A. W. Moore, Joseph Harrison, Jno. B. Booth chosen secretaries. The welcome address was delivered by Miss Ella Bandurant, a leading young lady which was responded to by the presiding elder. The choir furnished first class music, lead by Mrs. Ransom, the pastor's daughter. One of the teachers. Rev. Jordan D. D. president of the Central Tennessee College, was with us and delivered three able lectures on the present and future of our people. A strong resolution was passed on mob violence and the high handed treatment of own people in the Carolinas.

News Items.

Union City, Tenn., Special.

Marshall Howell has moved his family to Decatur, Ala. Mr. Lawry Rogers and Miss Mamie Williams were married on the 5th. Omer Thomason took the first degree in the order of the Free and Accepted Masons last Monday night. Charles Wells and little son Morgan visited Martin last Sunday. Mrs. Annie Watkins has had her house near Bell street renewed. Mrs. M. J. Wells has opened a second-hand clothing house on Exchange street. Mrs. Morilla Hart is on the sick list. Rev. G. W. Morgan left Monday for conference. There has been some mistake and misunderstanding that will account for our news not being published heretofore—now all is set right. Miss Della Hailey is having her grand-mother's house renovated inside and out.

HON. A. M. MIDDLEBROOKS

EX-MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE, EX-INTERNAL

Revenue Collector—Successful Financier Philanthropist and Agitator—A Distingushed American Negro.

The Freeman recognizes the genuine article. It occasionally finds it very proper to give full vent to its generous, but not over zealous nature in lauding some man or woman of worth. Like new metal dug out of the mine, glittering shining thing, it is ever evolving a new idea, and under favorable skies, perchance some beaming ray of light is let down upon the character or worthiness of some great man or woman of the race. One writer has well said "We live in deeds not years, it would hardly be fair to say this, because it is not true in the the Negroes case, we may say "We live both in deeds and years." The bible tells us "a tree is known by the fruit it bears," and "if it bring forth good fruit let it stand, but if bad fruit cut it down." Let us see. Here is a character in the person of Hon. A. M Middlebrooks whose busy active nature is in tune to all the progress of the age. Keeping time in melodious rythm with the doings of the race supporting race enterprises, giving encouragement to the young men and women, setting examples for the younger generations to be guided by, leading in the philanthropic causes where the races life is at stake. Read what an eye witness to a blood curdling scene says about the race patriotism of our distinguished race man and great leader:

STOOD BY HIS RACE.

Hon. A. M. Middlebrooks of Pine Bluff Ark, Sets an Example Worthy of Emulation—Mobism.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Oct., 8, 1888.

Editor of The Freeman:—You will be pleased to hear this bit of news from this part of the south. Sometime ago Rev. A. M. Middlebrooks of this city took into his head to defeat a mob and did so admirable well. The colored people at Keudell's and Eagle mills gave a picnic and the colored men stopped from work to attend. A poor white man who was foreman of the mill went out to the mill to force the men back to work again. When they refused to leave the Picnic and go to work the white boss flew into a flury and cut up Jack generally He then proposed to dance with one of the best colored ladies of the community, she indignantly refused saying if she were to go to a white dance and make such an offer what would be the results? He then proposed to her an indecent proposal. When this was done the colored men grew indignant and ordered the white brute off the pavillion. He refused to go and drew a pistol. When the flash of a moment a colored man by the name of Thomas Wyatt, drew a razor and cut Johnson's throat from ear to ear. Thus the whole country turned out, saying they intended to mob ten Negroes for every white man killed, which it claims were four and not a single colored man was killed in the melee. When the mob gathered Brother Wyatt told them he was the man who did the killing. They took Brother Wyatt and tied a rope around his neck and then to the sill of the railroad bridge across the Salem river bridge which was 60 feet from the water, tieing railroad coupling links to his legs or feet, thereby in the fall, pulling off his head from the body Two of the other colored men escaped from the mob and came to Pine Bluff where they were recaptured and placed in jail to be taken out and carried back to the scene and mobbed but Hon. A M Middlebrook, who is an ex-member of the legislature' ex-internal revenue collector and one of the prominent colored citizens of our state in church and state refused to allow this to be done—not by force but by law So he hired a lawyer and instituted a habeas corpus proceeding and none of the mob or any other white man could testify against these men So they had to be granted a bond, Hon Middlebrook went on on their bond and permitting them to leave the south for the safety of their life Of course the court at its last session forfeited the bonds and Middlebrook had them to pay; but he did so like a man by himself; thus it is what I conceive to be the most heroic act that any colored man has ever done for his race against mobism and outlawlessness in the south. Mr Middlebrook loves the race and has stood by them in the south probably as no man of his ability and means has ever done here or elsewhere. Knowing the proclivity and race inclinations of the grand old Freeman, I send you these notes to be published so you may see that we have some ironside men in the south who are as true as steel can make them. We as a race of men should not allow a man as Middlebrook to stand all these burdens by himself but should go to his rescue Middlebrook is brainy, smart and up-to-date man is reliable, a minister, philanthropist, orator, Republican, Odd-fellow and Mason of high standing and has the credit and confidence of all who know him Let all such men as Middlebrooks live forever Yours truly,

JACOB SHULOR.
1220 Pullen street.

Are we yet groping about casting, sounding for leaders when such a man a A. M. Middlebrooks stalks the stage after running the gamut of trial and metal test? Here is true steel the bravery that has kept at bay the foul assassin of rapin and crime in a half dozen such ordeals as the one above portrayed by an eye witness. Such men truly indeed constitute a state, "men, high minded men with purpose firm, and not afraid to die," these make true leaders. Well may Dessalines say: "Then to the Franks I shall be a worthy and apt pupil, for out of the fertility of my brain shall spring a thousand cruel torture, and every torture shall be as a hundred deaths."

In an able speech to his race on a very auspicious occasion Hon. Middlebrooks gave vent to the great elogan that is being passed down the lines. "Mobocracy is wrong and God is against it, and all he needs to put it down is one good man full of thought, active, energetic and with a go-a-headitiveness." Mr. Middlebrooks upon another occasion, when his heart was weeping over the forlorn condition and oppression of his people said, "I am of the opinion my good friends, that the Negro must do something else for his race besides build up churches and schools. We must open stores and enter all avenues of trade and commerce where an honest dollar can be made." Here is true lerdership portrayed. With the concentrated medidation and study of two generations, telling his race what next they must do, and be an honest and worthy examplor. Here is the Booker T. Washington, the W. H. Councill and the Maceo and Dessalines type all concentrated in one Negro, and portrayed in his modest, active generous life, brave cool forbearing and discreet, qualities potent in fostering all the worlds goods.

He says "What Washington, Councill and Knox are doing with the schoolroom and the printing press, the doctors, lawyers, mechanics et cetera must do in their respective spheres." Below is given an appeal to the Negro of America by Mr. Middlebrooks, it comes to The Freeman office properly in legal form with notary seal and duly signed.

My action in releasing these men from death have been endorsed by the most worshipful Grand Lodge of Arkansas, also the District Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of Arkansas, and they recommend me to all good men and women for help.

They were good men and law-abiding. So is the young lady that was insulted. She is good and true, and all women should help in this case.

Brother Wyatt gave his life for the defense of this woman

PINE BLUFF, ARK., October, 1898.

Cost bill application habeas corpus, Tom Parker	$ 50.00
Same for Wiley Strickland	50 00
Defense	125 00
Bond, each, $110.00	220.00
Total	$445.00
Have collected	$222.00
Balance to be paid	$223 00

A. M. MIDDLEBROODKS,
Bondsman.

OFFICE OF A. K. KING,
Attorney at Law

This is to certify that A M Middlebrooks did bail Strickland and Parker, colored out of jail when no one else would. Had he not done so, both of these men would have been mobbed. Middlebrooks will have bonds and forfeit to pay. He is the most patriotic friend to his race of people I have ever met. His race should stand by him in his effort to defend these men in the saving of their lives.

Their Attorney,
H. KING WHITE.

I have defended the race all my manhood days. I am a Christian, a Mason an Odd Fellow, never asked for help of anykind for myself. Let all the race help in this case.

Have mercy and help in this great race conflict and battle for human rights and life. Stand firm.

The District Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows at its session at Hot Springs raised and voted $21 50 and asked every subordinate Lodge in the state to send in at least one dollar.

God intends that one colored man should help the other.

Unless youn bring your Brother you shall not see my face. Joseph in Egypt. This also applies to the sisters.

A. M. MIDDLEBROOK

Circuit Court's Circuit Clerk—Received o A M Middlebrooks on bonds of Strickland Parker, $220,00.

W B. CHOWNING
Clerk.

PINE BLUFF ARK, 1898

Received of A M. Middlebrooks for the defense of Strickland and Parker:

Cost bill, application habeas corpus Tom Parker	$ 50 00
Same of Wiley Strickland	50 00
Defense to get bail allowed them	126 00
Bonds to prevent mobbing	226 00
H. K. White, attorney,	220 00
Total	$446 00
Time and expense put in by me in getting witnesses, etc	$100.00
	$546.00

A. M MIDDLEBROOKS,
Bondsmar.

My only hope to raise this money is to appeal to the good men and women of the Negro Race. Masons, Odd Fellows, Household of Ruth, The Eastern Star, Pythias—al true friends of the Negro, to aid a little. Help.

MASONIC LETTER.

My Brother Masons: You should aid me in this great conflict No man in the south among our race has ever purchased the lives of two of our brothers and told them to go scott free as I have done Messrs Corbin J. H. Blunt, M. A Clark, W F. Talley I. S Fox, C. B. Johnson, P. W. Clark, R W Webb, I. P Daniels, Hon P. H Booth, Sister J P. Moore, E. S. Cunningham, and one hundred other good and true race men and women say all Masons and their wives, in the chapters should by all means help me in this case. Remember I defended these Negro men and saved their lives because they defended the charcter and virtue of a young Negro girl. No colored woman or man is true to the race that will not help them in a case of defense of the race like this. If we do not help in a case of this kind, you need not help in any.

Yours in F. A. A. & M., Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge, and advocate of Lodge No.—

A M MIDDLEBROOKS,
Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

January, 1898.—Editor The Freeman: Enclosed find pay for this year's subscription to Freeman. So old and reliable acquaintance, so unswerving an advocate of the rights of the Afro-American cannot be easily dispensed with. Yours,

D. A. Straker, Detroit, Mich.

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Christmas is closing in on you; now if you intend getting a gun, get one that will make the mountain passes and deep recesses of the valley echo a seventeen repetition, and will shoot through a tree and kill a jack rabbit in the middle of a forty-acre potato patch.

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Hold on friends don't despair, God still lives and the country is saved. The Negro has helped nobly to save it, but he can't save himself. Oh! well, "There'll come a time some day."

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Let us be sober, keep cool, act manly, do a good part, saw wood, continue to read the old family Bible, preach, pray, sing. Let old Uncle Jo and Aunt Bitha go down in the valleys get on their knees, appeal to God as they did in slavery days. Let the young Negro stop acting flip, forsake his bug juice, let our young women stay off the street and our married women be true to their husbands, and keep out of the betrayer's company. Let the preachers teach good doctrine. The lawyer plead his client's interests, the teacher teach noble deeds and indoctrinate golden lessons in our young minds. Let the doctor give good medicine. Let the farmer, the mechanic be industrious, and God will in time redeem his poor down-trodden race from the ignominy heaped upon them through 250 years of slavery.

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Oh! yes, it seems awful hard to suppress our condemnation and disgust, but we must remember that the Mollie McGuires, the Jack-the-Rippers, the Pendergasts, the Jessie James, and all terrorizes that distinguish outlawry, and have for a century made this old world stagger under cruel bloody horrors, are living to-day and their hell-gone spirits are re-attuned in the Waddells, the Feltons, the Ben. Tilmans and all their ılk. We must also remember that out of this rank and file come the train robbers, the foot-pad, and the house of ill-fame where amid whiskey and Delilahs southern chivalry can revel in mid-night orgies too shameful for mankind to witness. These are they who kill each other and kill the Negro too. The morning and evening papers are tracked with the seas of human blood, the ever killing regularity of the ruthless murderer and assassin, in church, in state, this ministering angel of the damned, the constant devotee of distruction and death, this fallen ho-bo, of lust and human life; we can not escape him, there is no quarter, nay none for white or black—no quarter.

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If I had ere dreamt of the outrage
And entertained ideas of sham,
I'd have defied your slave-catching bluster
And nurtured the ignorance I am.

If all the consort with the white man,
His murder, his arson, his rape,
And the culture, and law, and religion,
Can't keep me from being an ape.

Then I'd staid in my African jungle
And fought the lion each day,
If to live I must fight, and use brute force
I'd fight, not be kept at bey.

They stole me, and sold me to heathens;
They seduced and degraded my blood,
Their infamous teachings and hypocrit preachings,
Have robbed me of all my good.

I made with my sweat and my muscle
A land that now blooms like the rose;
They enslaved, and depraved all my offspring,
And now my industrious foes.

But the ruin they bring upon others
Will come down on them in due time,
The retribute hour will come in great power,
And God! Oh! what awful just crime.

M. A. MAJORS, M. D.

Wheeling Items.

Wheeling, W. Va., Special.

Quite an enjoyable entertainment was given Friday evening at A. M. E. church under the auspices of the "little ones." A very nice program was rendered. Little Miss Julia Bumry, age three, solo was heartily enjoyed. Miss Kitty Woods sang, Break the News to Mother, very sweetly. Mr. Jessie Payne is very ill at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Wm. Henderson, of Chapline street. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright, Friday evening gave a farewell reception in honor of Miss Harris of Cleveland, who has been their guest for several weeks. A short program was rendered. Among the numbers was a tenor solo by our sweet singer Mr. Tomas Branch and a solo, titled Holy City, was very well rendered by Miss Harris. Among those fortunate to be present were Misses Beulah McCullough, Beatrice Cox, Mary L. McMechen, Emma McMechen, Eliza Washington, Eliza Glascow, Mrs. Dr. Stilyard Mrs. Pendleton and Messrs Austin, Lacy Jackson, Charley Ross, Thos. Branch and Ashby Jefferies. Miss Harris left Saturday morning for her home. Miss Eliza Washington left Saturday morning for Olive, Maryland, where she goes to accept a position as teacher. We wish her success. Miss Bessie Grant left Sunday morning for Xenia, O. where she goes to enter Wilberforce College Mr. Richard Perkins has opened a bath room and bootblack stand on the corner of Market and 14th. We wish him success.

Death of a Good Man.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

Ed. Harden, a local preacher in Salters A. M. E. church got his arm broke Nov., 24th, while at work at a grain elevator, he departed this life Dec. 3rd, he leaves a wife and a host of friends. It can be truly said that he was a good man, and full of holy ghost, in his death the church has lost one of its best members, and the town one of it best citizens, his wife has our sympathy in her sad bereavement. The following have finished the stenegraphic course under Prof. W. H. White: Jonny Cornell, 100 words 57 seconds; Eddy Roberts, 100 words 58 seconds; Lucy B. Tyree, 100 60 seconds. Rev. M. D. Partee, preached an excellent sermon Sunday night. he will leave Tuesday for conference, his officers and members hope that he may be returned. Will Gregory, of the Baptist church near Finley, Tenn., departed this life Nov., 27th. The friends of Richard Wynn, will be glad to know of his recovery after a ten days illness. Rev. M. S. McCalley of the C. P. church, spent last Friday night in the country with one of his elders, Mr. Pate Thomas. The ladies of the C. P. church will give a dinner Tuesday in Xmas. Every one is invited.

News and Notes.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Mr. A. Fisher, the popular young tailor of Chestnut street died last Tuesday morning. His funeral took place at the First Baptist church. Prof. H. T. Kealing, editor of the A. M. E. Review, spent a few days in the city last week the guest of Rev. Dr. J. A. Jones. He spoke at Warren Chapel on Sunday night and lectured on "The American Jonah" Monday night to an appreciative audience. Prof. Kealing is a humorist as well as a gifted orator. The officers and privates of the 8th regiment U. S. A., are enjoying a round of socials, receptions and banquets at the hands of the citizens. The first was a banquet by Warren Chapel to the officers. Following in rapid succession were Leonard street Presbyterian church, Mt. Hebron A. M. E. church, Congregational church, First Baptist church and again Mt. Hebron. A "Connundrum Menu" was given at the Wiley Memorial M. E. church on the 7th. It was a success. The celebration of the first anniversary of the pastorate of Dr J. A. Jones was celebrated on the 8th inst., at Warren Chapel. Miss Sallie Moore Jones, the sister of the pastor, delighted the audience with some delightful music. Miss Annie G. Kennedy is on the sick list. The anticipated street parade on emancipation day has petered out. But exercises will be held in the auditorium Sunday afternoon. Prof. Crogman of Atlanta University is the orator of the day. Rev. J. A. Jones visited the North Alabama conference at Huntsville last week. Also the A. and M. College near by to see his son who is attending that school.

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Church News Notes.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Sol Range who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Kate Turner for ten days, has returned home. Rev. Smille has closed a series of interesting sermons Sunday the third was the rally day at the A. M. E. church. Mrs. Florette Johnson died the 26 ult. Mrs. Johnson was 98 years of age. George Hodges is improving from a very painful illness. Mrs. Dr. Ford is visiting in Chicago. The A. M. E. church members are preparing a very interesting programme for their Christmas entertainment. The Freeman is on sale at Harris' & Jones' barbershop No. 313 Market street.

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Albert Ayres,
2937 Atlantic avenue.

Brooklyn, Aug. 15.—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years. I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead Hearing of the wonderful things Dr. Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy all of it came true He is home now, came back like one from the dead. I also wish to say that this month I lost $250. I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I did find it as he told me I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst that can help people and tell them what to do. Sincerely.
Mrs Mary Miller Smith,
Plainfield N. J.

A SENSATION IN BROOKLYN—A MINISTER'S STATEMENT:

I wish to state that one of my parishoners was sick and in trouble for a long time, Mrs. Brown, 37 Gay street. No one seemed to understand her case. She had several doctors, but none of them seemed to know what was the matter. None could do her any good It was my duty as her pastor to call and see her. Hearing of the wonderful work being done by Dr. Shea the last few years, I thought I would call and see him myself, I found him a sympathetic gentleman He gave me a wonderful test of his powers; told me to send him a lock of patient's hair, which I did by her daughter He told at once what was the matter and in a short time cured her sound and well. Her family had seemingly been under a cloud Now all is changed. All are well and prosperous. I can truly and heartily recommend Dr. Shea, to all those in sickness or distress of any kind. Rev. William Johnson, pastor Lebanon church, Brooklyn.

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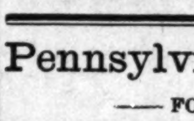

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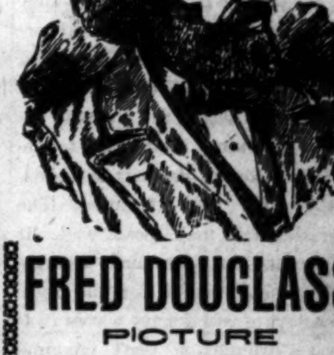

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THE FREEMAN'S POSITION.

Broadaxe, a publication of Salt Lake City, Utah, after a brief respite has taken another fling at The Freeman in its characteristic woolly western vein. It says that notwithstanding the Indianapolis Journal has taken the stand for the division of the Negro vote, yet the Freeman through its intense Republicanism is very much opposed to any such plan. The Freeman doubtless has nothing to gain in coming into contact with this sheet which according to The Freeman's way of thinking is simply honing for notoriety. But to give it the benefit of the doubt, the Freeman desires to say that on no occasion has it taken a stand in the matter. Up until this time it stands absolutely convictionless on a subject that perhaps is fraught with great peril. It matters not who utters it, it is just as senseless on the part of one individual as another to advocate the division of the Negro vote without an existing cause. We opine that when that time comes that the Negro will not stand on the order of his going but will exercise his dearly bought, nigly coveted but alas, rapidly disappearing privileges and go. Besides one blue bird does not make a summer. There has been no general edict, decree nor political bulls issued to the effect that the Negro is a persona non grata to the Republican party. That there is a desultory shot now and anon indicative of political perturbation, so far as the race is concerned goes without saying. We do now venture the opinion that if the Negroes accept these individual invitations to depart without consulting their interests, they toy with their fortunes. The Democratic party may mean well. It is a party that has never made a single legislative advancement for the race. In these days of reactionary waves it is too great a draught on one's imagination to expect such activities now. In the great play for enlarged liberties the Negroes have time and again turned and viciously assaulted the only hand that soothed and caressed, forgetful of those very instruments that have made the possibility of voting. The Negro has a penchant for crying down such talk as the relics of slavery times and therefore quite out of keeping with the present. When white men forget the immortal Declaration of Independence, the Magna character of their enlarged liberties, it will then be quite time for Negroes to forget the great means of their liberties. The tendency on the part of the Negroes to feel that their beginning was the same as that of other men—responsible to no one for the same has occasioned these intemperate outbursts, such as the Journal has uttered. Further more the Journal's position is a protest against what we choose to denominate as professional politics from a race point of view—trafficking in politics. Seething, writhing politics has done its very last act for the race. If the Negroes choose yet to be Republicans there can be no demurrer, but a quietus is put on the endeavor to fight their civil liberty expasion battles through any political masquerade.

> "Let others in the field their arms employ,
> But stay my Hector here and guard his Troy."

The government at Washington is no longer impervious to the growing sentiment. The south owes much of its infirmities to the god of the ballots.

The set of resolutions gotten up by the colored citizens of Omaha, Neb., are about the strongest that have yet reached the light. A protest against barbarous practices are always in order but even protests can under some circumstances become provocative of still greater or at least protracted disorders. One of the resolutions reads;

> "Whereas, The freedom of the press is an ancient privilege and one of the fundamental principles of our government."

It is agreed that the freedom of the press is one of the bulwarks of the fortress of American liberties, but it must not be construed to mean that the press in its extreme advantage must use its privileges in defaming and maligning. The resolution perhaps does not mean to carry so much weight but all do not see alike. There are pros and cons as to the discretion of Manly's utterances even in the race. It can not be considered the height of wisdom to endorse a thing of such questionable good. Regardless of the truthfulness of his remarks, decency alone forbids the publication of some facts or rumored facts.

Bishop Gaines seeks to arrange Bishop Turner before a bench of Bishops, charging him with maladministration and other maladorous offenses against church propriety, Just what he hopes to do with the doughty Bishop is not quite clear. It is very apparent however that he who touches a hair of our honored though visionary bishop's head dies like a—well, does it at his peril. There is but one Bishop Turner and through all his faults, we love him still. He is the chieftiest Roman of them all to whom the praises of men can add but little, nor can their condemnation make less. We will not sit supinely by and see the venerable sage King Lear out of his patrimony. The Negroes of the country have nothing but tears and cheers for him whose definition of freedom begins where that of most Negroes leave off. Despite his idiosyncracies he is a nations idol yet.

You can fight him all you want but if, the stuff is in him it will come to the front. The cry that he is a Negro and that he is a white man must give way to the Jeffersonian cry: "Is he competent? Is he honest? Can he get there?" —The Appeal, Atlanta Ga.

Here is more philosophy than we ever dreamed of.

Everybody is thinking and talking on the race question. It is now the Negroes opportunity. Let the white press urge the whites to a sense of their duty and let the Negro press urge the blacks to come up to the ideal and thus reach a common ground.

The Dallas Weekly Express, of Dallas Texas does not entertain a great opinion of the President's message.

Miss Atelia Cromwell, daughter of Professor Cromwell in Howard University, is a freshman at Smith College, and the first colored woman to enter that institution.

BLACK AND WHITE.

You call him "man and brother,"
  But when the trouble comes,
When eager legions gather
  To the long roll of the drums;
When sad farewells are spoken
  And hearts are on the rack,
When fond home ties are broken
  He must stand aside—he's black.

And yet, on history's pages
  His race has made its mark.
Black heroes filled the "crater"
  With their bodies stiff and stark.
In honor England holds them,
  And rates the Englishman
With Sikhs and fiery Ghurkas;
  The terrors of Soudan.

On many a bloody war path
  Through the wild and arid West,
Hot on the murdering hostiles' trail
  Our troopers black have pressed,
Though racked by thirst and hunger,
  Through scorching days and nights,
Until they've struck their quarry
  And avenged the slaughtered whites.

Then do the black race justice;
  They're eager for the fray,
And in the reeking Cuban swamps
  They yet may save the day—
Firm hands to sight the rifle,
  Spite the color of their skin.
Though his head be white—our eagle
  Has black feathers in his wing.
    —The Philadelphia Press.

News Notes.

Terre Haute Ind., Special.

Rev. Hillman was stricken very ill Friday morning but he is slowly recovering. Rev. Lewis filled his pulpit for him Sunday. Rev. S. W. Jones preached at the A. M. E. Church Sunday. All the churches are arranging for an elaborate program connected with their Xmas trees, boxes, chairs, etc. The "Herculean" Mandolin Club made its first appearance before the public Friday evening at Prof. Jackson's concert. 1st or lead mandolins, G. Crone E. B. Powell; 2nd mandolins, T. Alexander, C. Evans; Violin, W. Turner; Guitar, A. Hawkins; Bass Viol, C. K. Morton. The program was as follows. Singing by rooms 8, 4 and 1; club swinging, Prof. Lepper; instrumental solo, Miss Lida Tolbert; instrumental solo, W. G. Johnson, recitation; duett, Mr. and Mrs. Hillman; Recitation; solo, Miss Lida Tolbert; music, Herculean Mandolin club; song by rooms 8, 1 and 4. Interspersed with graphophone selections. The entertainment given at Saulter's Chapel was a great success. It speaks well for Bro. Henry. Rev. S. M. Jones invites the public to his Xmas exercises. Those wishing a copy of the magnificent Xmas number of The Freeman, drop a card to 820. S. 8th. street.

News Items.

Springfield. O Special.

The four churches have consolidated to give a Holliday fair comencing Dec. 26 and continuing until the 30. All who miss this fair will, indeed miss a very fine treat. The Choir of North Sreet A. M. E. Church went to Columbus, O. to join in a contest with the St. Paul choir of Oolumbus. The young people of Springfield organized an orchestra under the management of their President Mr. George Linden which shows signs of a brilliant future. Rev. Maxwell of Allen Chapel is holding a church conference which proves to be very interesting and beneficial to all. Mr. George Linder while returning home last saturday night lost a $10 bill which had a very sad effect upon his pocket book. Miss Carrie Simmons was seriously sick last week, so much so as to have to be removed to her home in a cab. We are pleased to know that she is now able to be out again. The choir entertainment given at North street church on the 17 was a grand success in every way except financially. Lord Chesterfield, who owned a grocery on W. Fair street has sold out. Master James Bogle has been indisposed for a few days as a result of vaccination. The people of East st. had quite a scare last week. A man visited the neighborhood who was supposed to have small-pox, but upon investigation proved to be a mistake.

Weekly Budget.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Rev. R. E. Rye passed through the city on the 28th, en route to Clarksville. Rev. B. A. J. Nixon attended the funeral of Mrs. Flora Peppers on the 27 ult., from the A. M. E. church. Mrs. Peppers' daughter was here from Nashville. Rev. Nixon and wife are on the sick list Rev. P. L. Carroway attended the funeral of John Doak on the 1st from the Mt. Zion Baptist church. Rev. Carroway has purchased a nice home in the city; Rev. W. A. Hillman also purchased a home. Willis Key of Nashville was in the city on the 27th. Dr. Henry Key of Nashville was here on the 29 ult. The entertainment given by Mesdames A. Myres and L. Knott was a success. Rev. P. L. Carrowhy preached the funeral of J. Ray's daughter the 2nd. Clem Fogalman has a very nice tailor shop. Miss Beatrice Trail is spending a few weeks in Richmond. Get The Freeman at W. H. Gosling's store.

Lost Relative.

Wanted—To know the address of a comrad of Moses Waller, late of Co., G. 25 Regiment U. S. Infantry, who served in the regular army from 1875 to 1880. Any information would be thankfully received. Address to

MRS. ANNA WALLER,
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BLACK AND WHITE TOGETHER.

From the banks of the Ohio
  Comes the black man's battle song,
Breathing hatred of oppression
  And defiance unto wrong.

From the South and West his brothers
  Are the first in danger's post
To uphold our country's honor
  And defy the Spanish host.

When our fathers fought to free them,
  And our Lincoln gave his life,
Did they doubt the cause was worthy
  Of the fratricidal strife?

Now we send them to the frontier,
  Where we need their valor most,
To uphold our country's honor
  And defy the Spanish host.

North and South will stand beside them
  In the country's utmost need;
Black and white will fight together
  Caring not for race or creed!

And the bravest and the noblest,
  They shall be our common boast,
Who uphold our country's honor
  And defy the Spanish host.

So content thee, oh, my brother;
  Past ungentleness forget.
God will measure souls, not bodies,
  And the end—it is not yet!

And the race that bore a Douglass
  Can be trusted on the coast
To uphold the country's honor
  And defy the Spanish host.
By the faith we bear within us;

  By our flag that floats above;
By the danger that surrounds us;
  By the brotherhood of love,

Well we know ye will defend us
  And ye will not count the cost,
But uphold our country's honor,
  And defy the Spanish host!
    —From the N. Y. Evening World.

Don't forget our Holiday Issue.

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"J. Ed." sends regards to the "Rick Gang."

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Big Sensation—St. Louis, Mo., this week.

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The Imperial Colored Minstrels are touring Florida.

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Richard Sims, sends regards to Wm. Garland and Dan Avery.

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"Big Squirrel" sends his regards to "Little Squirrel," also to A. Phil. Payne Jr.

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May Bohee was on the bill at Hubers' Palace Museum, New York City, last week.

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Col. Robinson's spectacular production "Old Southern Life" is sending out a parade two blocks long.

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Allie Brown, the wonder on the slack wire, has been slightly under the weather, but it is improving rapidly.

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Don Morreno, continues to please the immense audience with his superb rendition of "She was Bred in Old Kentucky."

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The Knox Bros., (white) have added two new features to their musical act which are hits with the Washburn Minstrel.

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Fred Simpson send regards to Geo. Bailey, John Ward, W. O. Terry, and in fact all "wind jammers" that know him.

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Mr. Sam Horner, comedian with Washburn Minstrel sends regards to friends with Stetson's Uncle Toms Cabin Company.

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Gordon C. Collins, sends regards to P. G. Lowery, Harry Gillam, L. Gideon, Mose McQuitty, John Stewart and Fred Simpson.

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Williams & Walker were among the top-notchers on the program of the Elks' benefit, given at the Fifth avenue Theatre, New York City, Dec. 8th.

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Joe Ravisee, tuba player with the Famous Georgia Minstrels band, recently purchased a $120.00 Besson tuba, and it is said to be a thing of beauty.

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Mr. Harry Allen of Washburn Minstrel is making a big hit nightly with his guitar solos he is now singing baritone in the Hoosier State Quartette.

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Mr. Harvey Goodall, of the Famous Georgia Minstrels, met and entertained a number of his old friends while at Richmond, Va., which is his birth place.

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W. A Johnson of Dayton, O., sends regards to friends with the Canadian Jubilee Singers, and the Fountain City Quartette with the Suwanee River Company.

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Marsh Craig "The Original Human Enigma, continues to defy all laws of nature, by his feats of bending and balancing. He is still being featured with Scott's Minstrels.

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Billy and Willie Farrell are still meeting with big success in London. Mr. Farrell has opened a select school of cake walking, for the benefit of the performers on the other side,

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The La Mascots, a local organization of Baltimore, Md., engaged Howard E. Morton, the comedian, to put on and arrange a concert for their Thanksgiving night, which was quite a success.

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Tommy Cooper, the clever young comedian is using Fred Douglass song "Whose got ma Money in dis Gang," to three and four encores nightly, also Howard E. Morton's song "Every Nation got a Flag but a Coon."

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Bonaire E. Perry, a variety performer was killed Dec. 2 at Princeton Junction N. J. by an express train. In one of his pockets was found an identification card and instructions that Sarah M. Bonaire of Columbia, Pa., be notified.

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Mr. Al Pinard, solo trombonist of Prof. T. Simmington's band, (white) of Washburns Minstrel is meeting with success playing trombone solos at each concert.

Mr. Pinard sends special regards to Mr. Fred Simpson of Oliver Scott's Minstrel.

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The McClains—Billy and Cordelia—are resting up at Indianapolis, Ind., this week, They were to fill an engagement with Sheridan's City Sports, but owing to the sudden illness of Mme. Cordelia, were compelled to cancel. She is much improved at this writing.

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"In Old Kentucky," is holding the boards this week at the Holiday street Theatre, Baltimore, Md. The piccanniney band parades each day at noon, creating quite a hit. "Cracker Jack," the drum major, makes a hit with his clever work both on and off the stage.

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The team of Barnett & Shelton, late of the Leland Melroy Minstrels, have dissolved partnership Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. Webster, have joined hands and in the future will be known as the Tuxedo Quartette. They send their regards to Gordon C. Collins and Bob Slater

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Owing to sickness Howard E. Morton was compelled to close with the Southern Cake Walk Co., as principal comedian and stage director, at Crisfield, Ind., after a six weeks engagement. His song "White Folks all Coons Don't Look Alike to Me," was the hit of his monologue.

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The genial C. M. C. Moore of Dayton, O., has opened his new club-house and restaurant at 20 S. Market street that city and it is certainly a place of beauty. Mr. Moore has always catered to members of the theatrical profession and wishes to state through these columns that he is better than ever prepared to see to their wants. Give him a call when playing Dayton,

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Puggsley's Tennessee Warbler's and The Mobile Troubadours have consolidated. The following is the roster. The three Puggsley Brothers, Harry Eaton, Ray Trusty, NellieZellita, Irene Boneta, S. T. Wilkerson, J. B. Gray, Cassel & Johnson, Owen Howard, Robt. Morton, Master Irmie, Richard Irving, R. C. Puggsley, proprietor; Harry Eaton, stage manager; Chas. Woodford, business manager; W. M. Johnson, musical director.

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Prof. H. G. Brown, sends the following from the L. W. Washburn Minstrels:—"We opened at the Star Theatre, Elizabeth, N. J., Dec., 9-10 to big business two shows each day, said to be the largest business of the season. Every body was well pleased with show, the introductory overture arranged by Prof. Delveco, was the hit of the engagement. The Elizabeth Star says the Washburn Minstrel is one of the cleanest minstrels ever shown in our city. Our new first part costumes starts the house in a roar the time the curtain raises, and when Mr. Harry Weaver walks to the foot lights you can't hear your ears."

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A. S. S. Taylor, writes the following from St. Louis, Mo.:—We grasped the Negro News Dispensor this week with all curiosity that was aroused within us, more than glad to read about the boys, our regards to J. Ed. Green, Wallace Evans, Wm. Buckner, and Major Benj, F. Payne. We had another show Friday night, with the capacity of the attached German Audience. Mr. Albert Taylor, sang, "Die Wacht Am Rhein," in German, to the delight of the audience, which was quite a surprise. Our company of Jubilee singers have something to do all the time. Don't forget the St. Louis news that we desire so much to read.

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Mr. Fred W. Simpson, sends the following from Oliver Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels:—"We have about completed our southern tour, and business has been very satisfactory. The boys are all well, and making great preparations for the holidays. One of the members especially, is making great preparations for his coming nuptial which occurs Dec., 25th. We wish him a pleasant journey through life. We have struck a great deal of cold weather during our sojourn in Dixie land, and as we are on our way north I suppose we may look for plenty of cold weather, but we don't mind, for we are Scott's Merry Minstrels, and things are coming our way.

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Pencilings from Col. Robinson's (Welsh Bros.,) "Old Southern Life" Co.:—Our season opened November 3rd at Lancaster, Pa., and up to the present writing our business has been of the phenomenal varity—packed houses nightly with the S. R. O. sign displayed five out of six nights. Our performance is conceded to be one of the cleanest and most up-to-date Afro-American entertainments ever projected, the press in unsolicited notices daily exclaims, "the best ever here," the public regardless of the race file out of the theatres and say "the finest colored show ever witnessed." And all these golden words of praise are showered upon us after following two of the so-called "biggest shows" in America. Following is the complete personnel of our company:—Jas. F. Godman, Chauncey Ver Valin, Wm. H. Brown, J. Turner Wall, Lowery & Jenkins, the Great Boyd, Clemmie Harris, Wm. J. Norris, Floyd Boise, Milton J. Nye, Allen Primrose, Eugene Collins, Willie Wilson, Joe Hill, C. B. Weldon, Lew Wilson, Chas. J. Johnson, Jake Davis. Elmer O'Brien, Joe Newton, Wm. M. Kelley, William Robinson, Tote Naylor, Ted Bailey, Ike Johnson, Billy Adams, Sam Lewis and John Rice. The executive staff includes Welsh Bros., Owners and Managers, W. H. Welsh acting manager, Clinton N. Newton, business manager and press agent, Prof. Floyd Boise, band master, and Prof. W. White, orchestral director. In the olio the following acts are heavily featured. Ver Valin and Godman, male soprano; Lowery & Jenkins, comedians; the Santiago musical quintette, Norris, Boise, Robinson, Nye and Collins; and Clemo Harris sensational contortionist and equilibrist.

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Mrs. Nettie Paul, the wife of Oscar Paul, the famous basso, soloist of G. W, Washburn's minstrels, visited him in Elizabeth N. J., the 5-10. The couple heartily greeted each other and met with an abundance of joy. Mrs. Nettie Paul is a very clever young actress and can always make a great hit with any audience. She posesses a sweet contralto voice and is singing all of the late coon songs of the day, and her sentimental and descriptive solo work can always win a hearty applause. She is at present in N. Y. City taking acrobatic toe dancing lessons from Prof. Alvine, New York's greatest stage dancing master. Mr. Alvine also gives her great credit for her speedy success and says that she is the only colored pupil that he has ever instructed and her success is a certainty. The appreciation of Mrs. Paul's visit was shown by a number of members of the Washburn minstrel in the way of a wine supper etc., served at the National Hotel of this city (Elizabeth, N. J.) The company was very agreeably entertained by the singing of Mrs. Paul, afterwhich toasts were made by Messrs, Hillman, Tishner, Floyd, Allen and H. G. Brown and after bidding Mrs. Paul all hopes of success the merry party after the wee small hour of three, dispersed. Mrs. left Elizabeth, on an early train on her way to Greater N. Y. Mrs. Paul also sends regards to all professional friends. Mr. Paul sends regards to all B. O. of C. P's.

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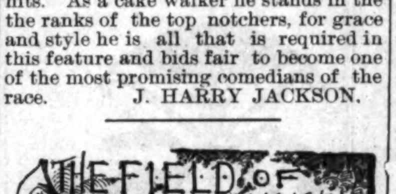
Mr. W. A. Seymour orr special representative with the famous Richards, Pringles, Rusco & Holland's Big Minstrel Festival, writes: "Everything is lovely with the famous Georgians, we are rapidly making our way toward the southland. Recently we crossed three states in three days, quite lengthy jumps but nothing hurts us; success continues to follow us. Some of the greatest rushes and crowding by anxious people every witnessed by theatre-goers, are seen at nearly every performances of the Georgians. The double bands of the Geogians are strong drawing cards. Mr. James Lacy, our worthy band master, deserves credit for this statement: 'He is a thorough musician and liked by all under his command.' The bands are composed of the following musicians: Mr. James Lacy, leader of first band; Mr. Al Stokes, bb-cornet; W. O. Terry, trombone; Robert Leach, clarionet; J. W. Simmons, saxaphone; William Hedgpath, euphonium; Pearl Brewer, I. N. Smith, Bobby Kemp, altos; Joe Raveise, tuba; Dick Thomas, snare drum; William Walker, bass drum; J. A. Watts, cymbols. Mr. S. B. Foster, vereoso, is leader of second band which is composed of the following musicians: S. E, Dodd, eb-cornet; Maurice Jordan, John Ward, trombones; Pete Woods, baretone; J. W. Toomey, H. S. Denton, W. A. Seymour, altos; Sam. Burns, tuba; Jube Brown, snare drum; A.J.Smith, bass drum. While at Savannah, Ga., we had the pleasure of playing in the oldest theatre in America, a very handsome looking building which was built in 1804. While at Augusta, Ga., we had the pleasure of visiting Camp Young which is situated at this place; and from the way the soldiers received us, we were surely welcome. Fool man, Mr. James Crosby, one of the big four comedians and principal monologue artist with this company refused an offer to wed a rich widow recently. These chances don't come every day James. Mr. Crosby is always very popular with the audience, his work is very clever and in keeping with the times, as a singer and dancer he has but few superiors, and his singing of 'I don't like no cheap man,' and 'I guess that will hold you for a while,' are decided hits. As a cake walker he stands in the the ranks of the top notchers, for grace and style he is all that is required in this feature and bids fair to become one of the most promising comedians of the race.

J. HARRY JACKSON.


THE FIELD OF SPORT.

BY NED LMO BEE.

Jim Jeffries has signed articles to meet Joe Kennedy, a clever Californian at the Excelsior Club, San Francisco, on December, 30. The bout will be for twenty rounds.

Fred Fox, manager of Joe Hopkins, the colored featherweight, states that he would like to match his man to fight Dave Sullivan, Oscar Gardner or Joe Bernstein, at 126 pounds.

Al Herford has accepted the challenge of Otto ieloff on behalf of Joe Gans and agrees to have the match decided within to weeks after Gan's contest with Jack Daly on Dec. 28.

It is talked about. that the fact that Frank Craig, "The Harlem Coffee Cooler," desires to meet some good middle weight may lead to a match being made between Craig and Tommy Ryanat the Lenox Athletic Club of New York City. Dave Sullivan who will have charge of Craig's affairs when the latter visits America, says the cooler expects to arrive here in February.

Tom O'Rourke made a surprising statement a few nights ago when he declared that Bob Armstrong, the great colored pugilist, who met Jeffries in a ten round bout last summer, could whip any heavy weight in the world, bar Sharkey. "All Armstrong needs" said O'Rourke, "is something to eat. Hitherto he has starved himself almost to death. He has been working with Sharkey lately and has improved so much that I am prepared to bet $2,500 that he can beat any of the other big fellows. He made a monkey out of Jeffries when he hadn't had a square meal in a month. I am going to feed him a bit, teach him a few wrinkles in boxing and then cut him loose. All he wants is confidence and grubb."

Says the New York Evening Journal: "No one could induce George Dixon to be a party of any unfair dealings in a ring contest. At least his record has proved this. He has fought over seventy battles in his career as a boxer and has never been accused of being mixed up in any crooked work. Whenever Dixon appears in the ring he shows his real form and the public sees him at his best.

George Dixon the little Negro wonder who recently secured decisions over Dave Sullivan and Oscar Gardner, made over $5,000 out of his two victories. In his fight with Sullivan he recieved over $3,000 for winning, while in his contest with Gardner he got $2,000 for the winner's end. Dixon without a doubt has made more money out of the fighting business during the ten years he has been [illegible] than any other boxer in the [illegible]

The six round bout between Jack McCormick and Charlie Stevenson, colored at the Nonpareil Club, of Philadelphia, Pa. Saturday night, Dec. 3., resulted in a draw. The men put up a hardhitting contest and several times each had the other on the verge of defeat by seemingly chance punches. McCormick's heavy weight told upon him after the third round, when Stevenson got in two hard right blows on the side of his neck. He was almost exhausted in the fourth round, but managed to evade successfully Stevenson on the other hand proved to be well trained, cool and alert, His strength and quickness created surprise.

New York, Dec. 6.—The twenty-round contest between Mysterious Billy Smith the cyclonic Boston boxer and Joe Walcott drew a large crowd to the arena of the Lenox Athletic Club to-night. The sports expected a fast fight and the boxers did not disappoint them, for twenty faster rounds were never fought in any ring.

From the call of time the fighters went at it hammer and tongs, both being to all appearances anxious to end hostilities as rapidly as possible. While both are clever boxers, they seemed to throw science to the winds in to-night's battle. Both gave and took enough punishment to make a half dozen ordinary fighters collapse, but the mill nevertheless lasted the stipulated twenty-rounds.

The decision of the referee was awarded to Smith on points met with the approval of the spectators. Smith clearly bested Walcott. Both finished strong and in fairly good condition. The be-ting had reached 4 to 5 on Walcott and it looked a good thing by the way they went after it ere the welters appeared. Walcott was seconded by Tom O'Rourke George Dixon and Bob Armstrong. Smith was seconded by Harry Tuthill, Billy Hennesy and Billy Needham.

Smith's Representatives claimed the corner from which O'Rourke's men have always fought and a coin was tossed to decide which would fight from there. Walcott won and showed a very broad smile in consequence. Smith spent considerable time in bandaging his hands and resembled a mummy very much until the gloves were adjusted. The men fought straight Queensberry rules. Charlie White officiated as referee.

George Dixon the featherweight champion of the world and Young Pluto, the Australian champion, have been matched to try conclusions in a twenty-round bout before the Olympic Athletic Club, of San Francisco, when O'Rourke takes Dixon and Sharkey to the coast some time in February. Pluto has beaten every feather-weight he has come in contact with since his debut in fistiana and the sporting men of San Francisco idolize him. O'Rourke feels satisfied that the money to be wagered on the fight and the purse is large enough to warrant his making the match and going to the coast. The arrangements for the match were made some time ago, but rumors to the effect that Dixon would not fight again left the match an uncertainity. However, Dixon has not decided to retire for a while at least, and will take on a few good ones before he leaves the ring. Pluto is said to be the cleverest boxer at his weight that Australia ever produced, barring that wonderful fighter, Young Griffo. He comes to this country with a clean record.

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The time of Train No. 6 has also been quickened. Under the new schedule that train leaves Indianapolis 5:50 a. m., Cincinnati 8:15 a. m., Columbus 11:45 a. m., arrives Pittsburg 5:40 p. m., central time; arrives Harrisburg 2:00 a. m., arrives Baltimore 6:25 a. m., arrives Washington 7:40 a. m., arrives Philadelphia 4:50 a. m., arrives Twenty-third street station, New YorkCity, 7:45 a. m., eastern time. No. 6 has sleeping cars through to New York without change.

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Mt. Pleasant Gleanings.

Mt. Pleasant, Ia., Special.

A masquerade entertainment was given on Tuesday evening by the trustees of the A. M. E. church. Rev. Phelps of Bedford, Ia.. is the guest of Rev. Tate. Mrs. Chas. Anderson, of Galesburg, Ill., has returned home after a pleasant visit with her mother Mrs. Phillips. A young lady has made her appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson. Mr. Anderson is all smiles. Rev. and Mrs. Peterson were pleasantly surprised on Wednesday evening by the members of his congregation. Mrs. Emerson Jones is convalescent after an illness of several weeks. Miss Dora Smith has returned from an extended visit to Omaha and Council Bluffs. The Mt. Pleasant Jubilee Singers filled an engagement out of the city last week. A Calico Ball under the auspicies of J. M. Watts was given in the Opera House, Wednesday evening. Rev. Tate is pursuing a conrse of studies at Iowa Wesleyan University. A Fair will be held on the 22nd and 23rd inst., under the auspices of the stewardeses of the A. M. E. church. The Second Baptist and A. M. E Sunday Schools are preparing for a Christmas entertainment to be held on Christmas Eve.

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Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Rev. Cleares, who has been the long admired pastor of the Wesley Chapel, has been ordained by the convention to render services elsewhere. His services and influence will be greatly missed by his congregation and host of friends. Elder Porter of St. Peter's A. M. E. church was appointed to retain his same position, greatly to the satisfaction of friends and congregation. The public school has been enlarged so as to admit a larger attendance of pupils. Prof. L. W. Leftwich is conducting his pay school at St. John's church this season, and has a large number of pupils in attendance. The Boyd Rifles who went to fill the vacant places in the colored regiments are enjoying the best of health in Arizona and Utah. Stephen Norwhether is able to be out after a brief illness. Clayborne Owens was defeated in his race for the legislature. Miss Bruetta Metcals is attending Fisk University in Nashville. Dan Avery and Jas. Crosby made quite a hit with Richards and Pringles Minstrels in this city. Stephen Cole died at his home near Ebenezer, recently, the deceased owned extensive property here.

Current Topics.

Franklin, Tenn., Special.

Walter West and wife returned last week from Little Rock, Ark. Deputy Grand Master, G. F. Beuford, of, Columbis, Tenn., was in town a few days ago, looking after the interest of the Lodges and Courts of the Immaculate fraternity. We are glad to note that Miss Mary L. Dubison, who has been very sick for some time, is convalescent Dame rumor has it that wedding bells will tingle in our midst soon. The Epworth League of the M. E. church conducted an enjoyable literary exercises last Friday night. D. J. Mitchell has opend a new grocery store, he is a polite and worthy member of the race, and deserves all the support that can be accorded him.

News Notes.

Mayfield, Ky., Special.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery of Columbus visited the latter's parents here. Mrs. Montgomery will be here several months. Dr. A. G. Taylor visited Paducah recently. Rev. S. S. Howard visited his parents here recently. The G. U. O. of O. F., are preparing to build on their lot in the east end. Rev. L. Hamilton, pastor of the St. James church is organizing a State Industrial Association and great success is attending him. Miss Appia Williams left recently for Arkansas where she will visit her brother several months. J. B. Thurman visited his parents here recently. James Barnett of Fulton was here recently. Miss Addie Howell was in town recently. Miss Larking who is teaching at Mingo, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Holland. Messrs. Thomas and Clarence Galbreth have returned from Waco, Texas.

WRECKED THE VESSEL.

A Possible Danger of Steam Jets as Fire Extinguishers.

For many years steam jets have been considered excellent means for extinguishing fires in inclosed spaces, and examples of their good services have been abundant. The theory of their action of course is, like that of the several kinds of fire extinguishing powders which have been proposed at different times, that the steam in the one case and the stifling fumes from the powders in the other displace the air in any particular space under consideration, and with it the oxygen as well, by which alone combustion can be sustained.

In at least one instance, however, the position was taken that if the steam jets did not extinguish a fire promptly they soon became a source of danger, and as such were held accountable for the loss about a year ago of a cargo steamer carrying several hundred tons of coal and as many more of miscellaneous chemicals and old rope. Fire broke out in one of the holds, which were fitted with steam jet fixtures, and the jets were at once turned on. On the day following it was proposed to try a hose in addition to the jets, and one of the upper deck hatches was therefore taken off.

The almost immediate result was a violent explosion, killing one of the officers and seriously injuring another. All the other hatches were blown off at the same time, and the ship began to leak, so that she soon had to be abandoned. One explanation advanced was that the steam from the jets, passing over the incandescent cargo, formed water gas, which, with suitable air admixture, became explosive, with the result noted. The theory is not a comforting one, but whether it portrays a possible condition of things yet remains to be demonstrated.—Cassier's Magazine.

Siberian Prisons.

The Rev. Dr. Lansdell publicly stated, after a thorough visit to Siberia, that should he ever have to change from clerical to convict life, he would choose Siberia and not Millbank or any other English prison, as the scene of labor. I have no hesitancy to say that personally I prefer prison life in Siberia to Sing Sing, and to set the stamp of my approval upon the prison, following the kindly invitations of the chief of police, I was about to transfer my baggage from the hotel of the rich Chinaman to the jail. However, though the prison tempted me by its superior comfort, better food and bathtubs, I had to give up the project. Interesting things were to be seen in the town and upon the great river every minute of the day, so I remained with Tai Phoon-Tai, only visiting the prison for my tub every day. As upon my first visit I was always allowed to walk about the place and visit all the prisoners, and I saw nothing to change my opinion of the cleanliness and the humane condition under which they lived.—Stephen Bonsal in Harper's Magazine.

Prof. Jas. A. Willis, magician and spiritualistic exposer is meeting with great success through Ohio. Prof. Willis is being booked to appear at Indianapolis during the holidays. The following well known entertainers have been engaged to assit Prof. Willis: Mme. Alice Crockett-Scott, soprano; Mrs. Elwood Knox, soprano; Mr. Clifford Lewis baritone; R. Byron Shelton, vocalist and piano virtuoso and Miss Mamie Clay dramatic reader.

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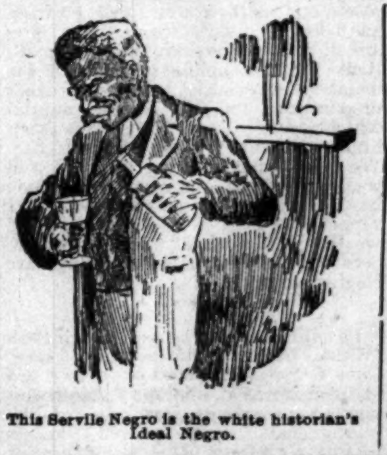

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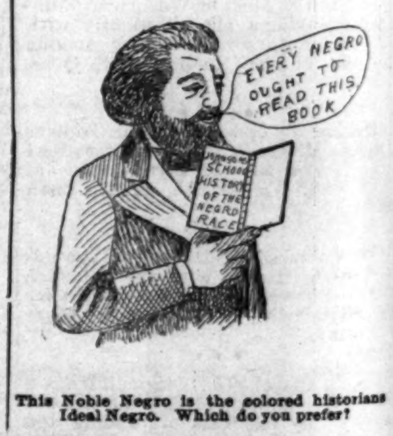

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I receive a copy of ten of the leading Negro newspapers every week. Some are published in the North, some in the West; the majority are published in the South. I have just read them all (this weeks issues) and they are exceedingly bright. The editorials are pointed and up to date; the correspondence good and pointed. If half the hints, suggestions, advice and points given in these ten Negro newspapers before me were taken, the "Negro problem" would be solved in a year, (I started to say one week) and we would be so thoroughly mixed with the white Americans. we could tell their color and they could not tell ours. We would simply be Americans "All of one color" like objects in the dark. In the language of Uncle Noah Baxter, "We want less leaders to 'pint' and more to lead, or practice what they preach, remembering that,

> "A man of words and not of eeeds,
> Is like a garden full of weeds."

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Our picturesque and always entertaining democratic friend Editor C. H. J. Taylor, complains that he originated a batch of ideas that other fellows, aided and abbetted by an anti-Taylor press are now flaunting around as their own inventions.—The Colored American.

Yes "friend (?)" "C. H. J. Taylor is always on the floor trying to catch the chairmans eye (the public) with his Mr. Cheermun, I object," etc. etc. A retired "statesman" must do something to be noticed after his retirement.

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The above paragraph reminds me of my school days at old Hampton some twenty odd years ago. We boys had a way of "calling down" speakers in the debating clubs who were always rising to be seen, noticed or to object, by yelling out, "Talk on Smith or Brown, you shan't be noticed," or "Mr President, when you hear nothing, say nothing." In this day when the market is glutted with "Negro leaders" (big men on the scales at least) we hear a great amount of bluster not found in this column.

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Bro. C. H. J. Taylor is not the only "alphabet Taylor" who is an editor. "There are others," or at least one more, Bro. C. A. A. Taylor, of "The Forum," Ocala, Fla. Editor Taylor, (he of Fla.) takes four columns of his issue of Nov. 26 to say what he could have said in a half "stick" paragraph, to wit; he is opposed to a National convention of Negro voters. He reached this conclusion after feeling the pulses of several leading Negroes, the majority of whom did not think a Negro party was expedient at this stage of the game. The other "Brudder" Taylor thinks we should have a Negro party. When the Taylor editors fall out, what is the race going to do?

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I don't know so much about the need of a Negro party but I do know there is a crying need of a National convention of Negro voters. I agree with Mr. Giles on that.

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On my way to business one day last week the following head lines on the front page of my morning paper arrested my eye:

SIX LYNCHERS INDICTED.

Grand Jury in Virginia Finds a True Bill for Murder.

"Good for 'Ole Virginny" I said to myself with no small degree of pride as Virginia was the birth place of my forefathers for generations. "The mother of States will be the mother of justice," I thought as I read the next few lines.

Richmond Va., Nov. 30—For the first time in the history of the State lynchers have been indicted. Heretofore it has been impossible to have them punished. The grand jury in Patrick County presents a true bill for murder against C. T. Tompson, L. D. McMillan, Jr., Madison Montgomery, Jr., H. Montgomery, Wm. M. Branch and Robert Montgomery. There are seven counts in the indictment. The first charges them all as principles in the first degree.

Just then I got up to give a lady my seat in the car and then continued to read. The rest of the item of joy and hope said that

Lee Puckett a half witted white man on Sept. 13 last, was said to have attempted to assault a young woman of Patrick county. He was arrested and while the case was in progress he was taken from the officers by a mob and shot to death.

His lynchers were men of bad reputation at least two of them having served terms in State prison. The victim of the lynching, Puckett, had escaped from a lunatic asylum. He once had been acquitted of a charge of house-breaking on the ground of insanity.

> "Oh ever thus from childhood's hour,
> I've seen my fondest hopes decay.

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Speaking of state pride, a friend companion and classmate by the name of John H. Pool, resides in Brooklyn. He is a letter carrier, one of the first Negro letter carriers appointed during the good old days of President Grant. He was born in North Carolina and like all the natives of the "tar heel" state I have ever met, he is always bragging about the "great men," the great things and the "great" deeds of his state until I got "that tired feeling," I met him a few days ago and asked in a spirit of friendly revenge, "Well John, what do you think of North Carolina now? "Great State Gus! Great State; it can do anything any other state can do, even kill your kind of people and rob them of their votes. Great state, can't be beat." "What do you think of the Negroes of Wilmington however?" Just like other Negroes, lack courage. I tell you what North Carolina is up to date for good or bad in fact a head of the line in both. Great state old man, great state, so long. What could I say.

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Speaking about Bro. C. H. J. Taylor, trying to keep the Hon. Ex-Recorder of Deeds before the public recalls the fact that although there is plenty of room at the top, and although you may reach it by trickery, by being a knave, or by brute strength, it takes brains to keep you there to keep some one else from pushing you off to the pit below. (This is no stage joke.)

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About ten years ago, a great Negro editor got up a "The three greatest Negroes" contest, when the votes were counted he was one of the three (according to the returns) but Alas! ten years have made a change. By the way! How many great black men of the day will live five years after the death to say nothing of forever? How many of their good deeds Will live after them?

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Let us remember that scum rises to the top as well as cream. Fat also rises on the surface. Don't think for a half second the world or even the race will miss you when you are gone even if you have been a truly good citizen and a race man, some one else will take your place and the battle of life will go on. Still this is no reason why you should not do your part, or why you should shirk from duty's call; be a brave soldier. B. SQUARE.

I very much admire the position you have taken as regards the duty of the Negroes of this country in the present Spanish-American war. I mail you a copy of the leading daily of this city, which contains an article on this matter, the first mention or reference that has appeared in it since the war began. I wanted to see the Negro go on record in this daily. Yours

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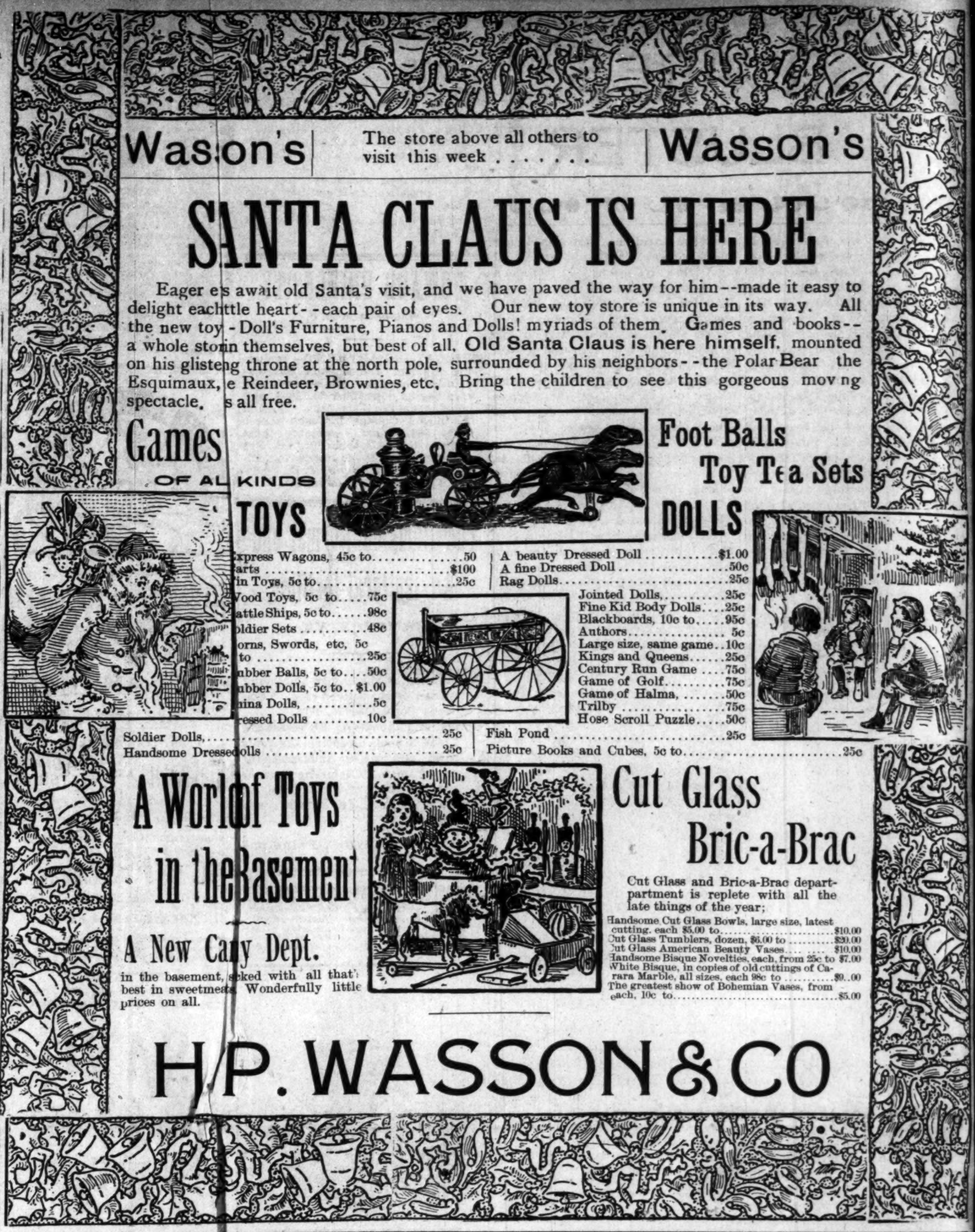

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Cop'l. Bruce Williams, a member of the Twenty-fourth Infantry is in the city the guest of relatives and friends. Mr. Williams took the trip to Cuba and was in the battle of San Juan it was there that he contracted a severe illness from which he is now recoving. He will about the tenth of January join his regiment at Ft. Douglass, Utah.

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Obituary.

The city of Indianapolis bemourns the death of Dr. William Chavis one of its esteemed colored physicians. He was born in Princeton; Gibson Co., Ind., March 23rd, 1854, was reared on a farm taught school in Noblesville and Bloomington, Ind., later studied, and graduated in medicine locating to practice his profession in this city about six years ago.

Reared by a noble father and devoted mother, from whom he inherited traits of character that made him a useful man. Taking on responsibilities of the care of his mother after the death of his father, and when his dear mother was laid to rest, he became the main stay of the family. Educating one brother in telegraphy. and maintaing his sister in Wilberforce college. In the objects, of his care, he knew nothing but sacrifice striving unselfishly to accomplish these high purposes, that of looking after those dependent on him.

The obsequies were held at Bethel A. M. E. church. The excellent choir appropriated sacred and fitting music to the funeral solemnities. Rev. Sissle of Simpson, M. E. church announced 'God Moves in a Mysterious way." Prayer by Rev. A. Wakefield of Blackford street A. M. E. Zion church. "Asleep in Jesus," by the choir. Funeral Scripture lesson by Rev. A. L. Murray, B. D. of Allen Chapel A. M. E. church, 39th Psalm, and Thesalonians, 4th chapte 22nd verses concluding the chapter. Song, "When the Mists have Rolled Away." Resolutions from the colored medical fraternity were read by Dr. W. E. Brown, and signed by Drs. Elbert, Furniss, Ballard. Ward, Stokes and Brown.

Rev. Dr. D. A. Graham, minister in charge of Bethel, paid an excellent and pathetic tribute to Dr. Chavis. He had been a boy with him, knew him as no one of his hearers could know him. Reared amid the same environments, brought up in school together, had taught the same school. This knowledge had given a keen insight to the inner self-sacrificing life of his friend, and he spoke not as a minister, but as a companion. He spoke from the 9th chapter of Eclesiastes, "Whatsoever thy hands find to do, do with all thy might, etc."

Dr. Graham was calm, entirely complacent, and held his audience in rapt attention. The auditorium was taxed to its utmost capacity. "Evidence sufficient" said he that Dr. Chavis had many friends, he had his fault, his frailties, he was a man, not an Angel, but his virtues weigh heavier upon the pious heart, than his manly deficiencies and weaknesses. Rev. Stokes made a short speech. Every trade and profession, every class and every kind, the well-to-do and the poor were there to pay their solemn respect to the beloved dead. After the sermon, the undertaker Mr. Willis took charge of the casket, and all the friends took their last serious lingering look at the deceased. Rev. Thompson pronounced the benediction. The Freeman tenders its condolance to the bereaved; and of Dr. William Chavis whose sad end has come we shall say "Requiescat in pace."

Savannah Notes.

Savannah, Ga., Special.

The Indianapolis Freeman can be found at the popular tailor's place, J. Williams manager. He is a race man. The Negro is solving the problem here in Savannah. Business, college and church makes a social status for any people. Let the other cities of the nation make the showing in business the Negro in Savannah is showing. Bicycle rental and teachers, M. J. Joyce and M. S. Baldwin, 411 Liberty street west. First class colored restaurant, 349 Broad street. John Cain is proprietor. The Maine's Cabin 418 Bolton street west. Bruce and Boinson. American Commercial Association, 302 Hall street. west Savannah. Wm. B. Carter, dealer in stoves, ranges and crockery and house furnishing goods. 1112 West Broad street. Now Mr. Editor here is a class of business men that our city is proud of. It is all very well to deal in fancy and delight readers of light literature, but here is success, the cold hard facts. Good houses, good churches, good business. Now when we say Savannah is a Freeman town, with five established agencies, where hundreds of copies of the greatest Negro paper are sold weekly. it verifies my statement that we are solving the problem. E. A. Kennedy, 512 Duffy street, Savannah, Ga.

Items of Interest.

Dayton O., Special.

There will be a grand St. John's musical and literary entertainment given by ancient square lodge No. 40 F. and A. M. at Gunckel Hall on W. 3rd. near Williams, st., Tuesday, eve., Dec., 29. There will be short addresses by P. M., J. M. Butler; C. M., J. Clark· Essays by A. Hickman and W. Bidden. Music will be rendered by Deborah Chapter, assisted by Misses Jones and Underwood. Committee, S. F. Shepard, J. M. Butler, J. H. Pierce and P. E. Finley. Hod Carriers Union, No. 2. met in regular session Sunday for election of officers. Robt. Johnson, pres., Long, st., 18; Ed. Long, vice.; John Roberts, secretary; Albert Turner, J. R. Wilkerson, Samuel Jones, Geo. Williams Banking committee. Mrs. Hattie Anderson of West 5th st. entertained a few of her friends Monday, eve., Whist was played after which a Dutch lunch was served. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hunt, Mrs. Lottie Hammonds, Mrs. Dollie Stofer, Mr. Rollin's H. E. McGer and W. A. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Parson, of Edgewood, ave. Dayton View entertained in honor of their first anniversary. Whist was played afterwhich a fine Dutch lunch was served. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chas, Hunt, Mrs. Dollie Stofer, Mrs. Hattie Anderson, Mr. Wm. Hammonds and W. A. Johnson. Mrs. A. F. Johnson, of 253 W. Maple st. is on the sick list but is improving. The Adjutant General of the staff said The Freeman was good enough for him. Mr. Geo. W. West, of Detroit, Mich., now located in the Gem city, is stopping at 15 Benton st. Occupation-cook. Mr. Wm. Stewart is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Geo. Stewart, of Ziglar st. Miss Addie Austin has been on the sick list. Mrs. Samuel Hood, of 257 W. Maple st. has gone to Indianapolis on a visit. Mr. Edgar Hughes, of Kiefabo st. is on the sick list. Mr. F. L. Tate has returned to the city for the winter. Don't forget that the Xmas number will be found at the Barber shop. 212 S. Mann st., sold by W. A. Johnson.

Mr. John Butler, Jr. and Edgar Johnson were in Xenia Sunday guests of friends. Mrs. Lottie Hammonds spent Sunday in Springfield the guest of friends. Jas. Kelly. of Dayton View, has returned.

Among onr Ediors.

This is an age of close competition in every line of business, and there is no place in this active bee hive of American people for drones and idlers. It is an age when work is required of all who expect to thrive and prosper.—Langston Herald.

Good words, sound truth, but why don't the race open more stores?

"I am not an expansionist, this war with Spain was started on a humanitarian idea, and we have already gotten more than we have given. It seems to me that we ought to first settle our own troubles in the Carolina and Illinois before we look for other countries to govern."—Sam Jones.

Rev. Jones knows how to make a hit. —Metropolis Weekly Gazette.

Men are men in this country and we should be treated as such.—Palladium.

When everything that wears whiskers are given what belongs to them we will be.

Let us not be impatient; but learn to labor and to wait, for all things work together for good to them that fear the Lord.—University Herald.

Yes, thats so, we must hustle too, while we wait.

Self-preservation is the first law of nature (with all people,) and the Negro must begin to follow that law in more ways than one.—The Pioneer.

If you want him to get a gun why don't you say so?—Who are you afraid of?

The Appeal's editorial page will be heavy enough for all readers in a short time.—Atlanta Appeal.

Avordupois on brains? You are mighty heavy yourself Brother Taylor. The Appeal is alright any way.

SIGNS ON YOUR FACE.

TELLTALE EXPRESSIONS THAT EXPOSE YOUR THOUGHTS.

Many Ways by Which the Careful Observer May Detect Your Real Feelings In Spite of Strong Efforts to Hide Them.

Everybody in this imperfect world likes to be able to take care of himself, and to do this the more insight one has into one's fellow men the better. Rogues, as a rule, get on because they are shrewder observers than the people they cheat. This article, among other things, gives the honest man the power of protecting himself.

There are dozens of little signs which, do you but know them, give you the key to a man's thoughts and betray him without his being aware of it. This paper is the last paper in the world to assist the private detective mania or encourage morbid suspicion of deceit, but a clear comprehension of the real significance of these face signals will, besides making people's observations of use to them, lead to a better understanding all round.

Most of these muscular actions by which—to the skilled facial reader that is—we give ourselves away are involuntary, and hence their value. Supposing, for instance, you are telling something to a man who can keep his countenance and you want to find out whether he likes your news or not. In the ordinary way, if he has sufficient self control to look placid you would be hard put to discover it; but if you know where to look for it he cannot, even if he has a face of brass, hide the sign you are wanting.

There are certain muscles which Darwin called the "grief muscles," for the reason that when any one hears information he doesn't care about these muscles act instantly and without the person knowing it.

These muscles are connected with the eyebrows, and in a case like that above it is the eyebrows you must watch, for, if your information be unwelcome, the inside ends will for an instant arch acutely upward and a slight wrinkle come across the brow. Then, though the rest of the face be wreathed in smiles, you may disregard these and feel certain you have "got home." The action is so involuntary that it often escapes observation, and even those who notice it frequently take it as being indicative of pleasant surprise.

The individuals who invariably smile when you speak to them are a difficult class to read, but there is none the less a way of doing it. The man who smiles out of pure good nature and because he is pleased always does it more with his eyes than his lips, but the smile you must never trust is that of the man whose lip goes up for a moment and shows you the pointed end of his canine tooth.

Watch him in a rage and you will see precisely the same movement. The fact that he does it when smiling shows infallibly malevolence, cloaked by deceit.

A good many people seem to think that there is a difficulty in finding a sly person before the mischief he does discloses his character. As a matter of fact it is absurdly easy. You have only to watch him for ten minutes and he will give himself away.

The sly person is always trying to see something without being supposed to see it. When that something is outside his visual field, he has to move his eyes instead of his head. Any man's eyes therefore that you see very much drawn to one side, say twice in five minutes, is sly, and you would do well to mistrust him.

The old trick of making a man you suspect look you "straight in the eyes" while you glare into his has more in it than people think. Any ordinary person bent on deception will ten to one find his optics flinch under the ordeal.

But the accomplished liar and swindler has by long practice taught himself to withstand the test, and for him an additional one is advisable. The most delicate portion of the face after the eyes are the lips, and any man or woman whose lips, when they are being brought to book, don't twitch visibly, is "acting on the square."

Determination, one would think, is an easy thing to discern in a man, but as a matter of fact it isn't, especially if he talks loudly and has a good deal to say.

As a rule, most people are deceived by the appearance of determination which a man, when he is "bluffing," puts on to carry his point. In these matters it is the involuntary things that tell, and directly a man is thoroughly determined he is resigned as to what will probably happen. There, if you will watch closely, you will see his shoulders suddenly become arched (not in a shrug), and when he says he doesn't care he means it.

A difficulty that most face readers experience is that of discriminating between surprise and the action of the grief muscles, inasmuch as both cause the eyebrows to be elevated slightly. But the fact that surprise always makes people open their mouths, even when they are threading a needle, should help them. The brow, too, is full of difficulties, for it may be beetled either from intellectual effort or melancholy. Probably in the first case, however, the eyes will be not quite wide open.

Then laughter should be received with suspicion, for a person will often laugh bilariously after coming through an ordeal that has left him heavy of heart, and a fresh, spontaneous smile is more surely indicative of happiness. Perhaps, however, the most difficult thing to detect in a person of strong self control is fear or violent agitation. A man of pluck and healthy nerves will betray his excitement only by the back of his neck, which gets crimson, and to see this one has to look behind him.—Pearson's Weekly.

A SINGING WELL.

One of Nature's Puzzles That Is Located In Texas.

About three miles west of Cedar Bayou, Harris county, Tex., is a remarkable well. When it was dug, no one can tell, but it has been in existence for more than 60 years. The well is known as the "singing well."

In calm, fine weather a sound like that of an Æolian harp comes upward between the tangles of vines below. At times the sound seems nearer and clearer. Then again it recedes, as if far away, and reaches the ear very faintly. These changes take place every few minutes, and with great regularity.

With an east wind blowing the water in the well gets very low and the mysterious musical sound very faint. A strong west wind causes the water to rise and the sound to increase in volume and clearness.

But it is just before a great norther that the old well plays its wildest pranks. Then for several hours the water rises to within a few feet of the top of the well and emits the weirdest, wildest noises that ever reached human ears. At such times even the water drawn out with buckets moans and wails as if in anguish.

The well is about 60 feet deep. A few years ago the land on which it is located was bought by a Mr. Watkins, who, not liking the sounds that came from the well, employed two men to fill it up. They shoveled dirt into the well two weeks, but it did not affect the depth of water perceptibly, and they threw up the contract. From the measurements of the excavations they had made it has been calculated that the well should have been filled up a little more than twice.

The water is very clear, with a bluish tint, and is fairly palatable. No other wells in the neighborhood show such pranks as are played by the "singing well."—Fort Worth (Tex.) Cor. Chicago Inter Ocean.

AMERICAN HUMOR.

An English Comedian Compares It With the British Article.

George Grossmith, comparing American humor with English, says: "A New York gentleman was once chaffing me about my pronunciation of certain words, and I was very much amused at it. So I said to him: 'It's our language, you know. We invented it before you were discovered.' He was a bit abashed at first. Then he said: 'That's so. Well, I think it's about time you learned to speak it.'

"It is very difficult to score off an American, and you can't play a practical joke on one at all. I've often gone, when I've had a friend with me, into some old city bank, like the Bank of England, for example—staid old place, you know. We've marched up to the counter, and I've said quite calmly to the old gentleman behind it, 'Can't I have a brandy and soda and some sandwiches?' They've always been most polite and taken it seriously, saying, 'We don't keep brandy and soda and sandwiches here.' 'But you have them ordered in from outside.' 'Yes, but that of course is for ourselves,' and so on, all quite gravely and without the suspicion of a smile or the slightest quiver of the muscles of the countenance to indicate a sense that a practical joke was fooling around."

"And in America you would have fared differently?"

"Rather. I went once to the statehouse in Hartford. There was a man standing at the entrance, an official with a band around his hat, so I stepped up to him and said, 'Can you tell me if this hotel is conducted on the European plan?' He simply looked at me, and calmly said, 'Any more?' Then there was a moment's awkward pause, and I had to walk out."

Death and Birth Time.

There are a great number of curious superstitions as to the time of day when a dying person is most likely to draw his last breath, and the tide, moon and the wind have all been supposed to have some share in the matter. According to The British Medical Journal, Raseri, who has analyzed 25,474 cases of death and 36,515 of birth, where the exact time of day was noted, finds that the maximum number of deaths occur in the early afternoon (2:07 p. m.), and the minimum in the last hours before midnight, while the maximum number of births occur in the early hours of the morning, and the minimum in the early hours of the afternoon.

As regards the cause of this he points out the hours of the maximum number of deaths are precisely those when the pulse rate and the temperature are at their highest in health, and when there is a febrile exacerbation in illness.

A Very Queer Dresser.

A very queer man in the matter of dress was the late Duke of Portland. His eccentric grace always, it appears, ordered three frock coats to every suit. When the weather was hot, he wore one only, when it was a little less hot two, and when it was cool all three. Besides these, he always kept three greatcoats in wear, so that when winter came on he wore three frock coats and one greatcoat, as it advanced three frock coats and two greatcoats, while, when there was a real frost, he turned out in all the six.—London Correspondence.

Had Other Chances.

"I wouldn't have refused that young man if I'd been you," said a maiden aunt to her young and frisky niece.

"I don't think I would either if I'd been you," retorted the saucy maiden. —Harper's Bazar.

A Sure Cure.

"I've cured my husband's insomnia."

"How did you do it?"

"Pretended I was ill, and the doctor left medicine which Henry was to give me every half hour all night long."—Vanity Fair.

HONOR ABOVE GOLD.

An Incident Which Illustrates the French Character.

Speaking of French politics, I heard a most extraordinary story of another strange secret of contemporary life. Some years ago one might see in a restaurant at night, playing dominos quietly or conversing in tranquil tones, a gentleman named Levy. He was a man who knew more of the secret history of the courts of Europe than any man of his time. To get a full account of his personality and history you must spend an evening with Joe Lyons, the owner of the Trocadero and a score of other restaurants, one of the most brilliant raconteurs as well as one of the best fellows in all London. Mr. Levy was a private detective, employed whenever a task of extreme delicacy and enormous importance was on hand. He was retained by the Bank of England, among other institutions, and I have heard that his services were esteemed so valuable that he got the magnificent salary of £10,000 a year from that institution.

Well, just after the downfall of the commune Mr. Levy was intrusted with one of the most delicate and, I might say, terrible missions in his life. There were several communist refugees in London. Levy tracked them out. A man of the world, without enthusiasms, acquainted with all the seamy side of life and of man, he yet had a broad, sympathetic imagination, and he was astounded by the picture he found in the miserable den—if I remember rightly it was a stable—in which he discovered the objects of his search. These men, who but a few weeks before had the government and the revenues of the great city of Paris at their command, were engaged in, making a wretched bowl of soup, which was to be the one meal—and the one meal of them all—for 24 hours. Not one penny had stuck to their palms of all the millions that were at their mercy! "These men may be madmen," he said to a friend to whom he told the story, "but, according to their lights, they are patriots!"

His wonder grew as they refused scornfully to surrender some papers which had fallen into their possession, in spite of dazzling offers of gold, which, as agent of the French government, he was authorized to offer them. They knew the horror and the terrible and appalling importance of the domestic secret in the life of a great man of which they held proofs, but they decided to keep the proofs until they thought it right or wrong to publish the story to the world. And, though they refused the gold, they never told the secret, and France and Europe were saved one of the most cruel and devastating scandals of our times.—New York Herald.

SHE TIED UP HIS TONGUE.

An Experiment Which Led to the Breaking of an Engagement.

I don't know why the simple fact of being in love should deprive people of the vestige of common sense with which nature, never overgenerous with that rarest of blessings, has endowed them, but all my observation tends to confirm me in the opinion that it does. For example, a man I know is engaged to a Georgetown girl—that is, he was engaged to her up to a quarter to 10 o'clock Thursday night, week before last. He went out to call on her, and—but first I must tell you that she belongs to a Georgia family, and he is from Boston, and both of them are exceedingly proud of their birthplace and ancestry. After a few preliminaries, said she to him:

"Oh, let's hear how fast you can say. 'She sells seashells.' "

So, of course, he said, "Se shells seasells" and "She shells sheshells" and "She sells shesells," and goodness only knows what, till his tongue was so tangled up that his mouth was full of knots. And she began to laugh, and he told her to say it herself. Then they both went at it, and midway of their sibilant mouthings somebody's temper began to get frayed at the edges. She said that Boston people speak abominably anyway, and he retorted tu quoque about the Georgia dialect. From discussion of speech they came to a discussion of manners, and things were said which it were painful to repeat. The engagement was broken, as I said, at 9:45 o'clock. It has staid broken ever since. The rupture bids fair to be permanent. And all this misery because—well, because two ordinarily intelligent persons happened to be made temporarily feeble minded by mutual affection.—Washington Post.

Two Ways of a Sameness.

Skeptical Patient (to faith doctor)—How do you propose to cure this pain in my chest, doctor?

Faith Doctor—I shall pass my hands over your chest a few times, then tell you the pain is gone, and it will be gone.

Patient—Ah, yes! Will you dine with me, doctor? You can perform the cure afterward.

Doctor—With pleasure.

Patient—Well, take this loaf of bread and rub it on your waistcoat a few times and say you have had your dinner, and you will have had it. If the experiment is a success, we will go on with the chest cure.—London Telegraph.

Cucumbers are native to the East Indies and are grown in Cashmere, China and Persia. They were much esteemed by the ancients and are common in Egypt, where a drink is prepared from them when they are ripe.

A digitorium is a soundless piano upon which learners may become proficient with a knowledge of the keys of the instrument; also in the art of fingering.

The last safe retreat of the beaver in the United States is the canyon of the Rio Grande, between Eagle pass and El Paso, a distance of about 300 miles

"IT'S NOT MY WAY."

"It's not my way."
How often is this heard
"It's not my way, to speak the kindly word:
I feel enough, but 'tis not well to speak,
To tell my loving out it seems so weak."

"It's not my way.'
How often hearts have broken
Because the loving word has been unspoken,
Because the smile we looked for was a frown,
The hand that should uplift, but held us down.

"It's not my way
To speak the word that craving love requires,
To voice approval, foster vain desires."
Hearts often faint and fall out by the way.
Because to speak is not your way.

"It's not my way.'
Ah, well, when death shall come
And touch the best loved lips and make them
dumb
Sad will it be for you if grim regret
And stern remorse upon your heartstrings set

Their fingers firm,
Because it is their way to torture and to wring.
Then you'll remember every little thing.
The smile you did not give, the word unspoken
Which might have gilded life and kept a heart
unbroken

Aye, then you will remember!
And in blood sweat and agony will say.
"Would it had been my way
To love, approve and tell it out, so meet,
For it was you that made my life complete."

—Rose Seelye-Miller in Observer

DEALING WITH LUMBERMEN.

Peculiar Tricks Indulged In by Both Buyer and Seller.

There is an old retired merchant in Detroit who delights in recalling his experiences when an active man running a general store in one of the northern cities of the lower peninsula.

"I used to reap a harvest when the men were coming out of the woods," he relates. "They were not up in styles, and about any old thing would suit them provided the color was right and the fit even passable. But there were tricksters among them, and I had to have my wits about me in order to keep even with them.

" 'How much is that hat?' asked a strapping six footer, who arrived from camp one day with a pocketful of money

" 'Two fifty,' I replied.

"Then he informed me that he always had the crowns of his hats punched full of holes in order to keep his head cool and his hair from coming out. I soon had this attended to, and then he asked what the hat was worth. 'Two fifty,' I responded in surprise, but he laughed at me for asking such a price for damaged goods. He had me, and got his hat for $1, while the jolly crowd with him had a laugh at my expense. He wanted to look at some 'fiddles,' and after pricing one at $10 concluded to take it.

" 'Where's the bow?' he asked, as I was doing up the package.

" 'You only bought the fiddle,' I laughed. The others saw the point and laughed too. The giant tried to bluff me, but I kept good humored, and got even on the hat by charging him $1.50 for the bow. I not only got even, but the others were so pleased with my 'Yankee trick' that they spent plenty of money with me." Detroit Free Press.

Mice of All Colors.

The National Mouse Club of England recently held an exhibition where several hundred mice competed for gold medals, champion cups and various other prizes. These little creatures are not the ordinary everyday mice which scare the cook and drive the mistress of the house to take refuge on a chair. They are well bred mice that expected to be petted and caressed and treated as tenderly as a pet cat or dog.

By careful breeding they have developed great variety in coloring and sometimes in shape. One very choice style of animal, called the spiny mouse, has a row of bristling hair for a spinal ornament and is a very cute miniature reproduction of a porcupine. The familiar white mice so often seen for sale on the streets here have been bred with black eyes instead of red ones. It has taken several years to produce these results, but the society now claims to be able to furnish mice in 12 or 13 different shades. To any one who is able to overcome the fear of mice they are dainty, delicate little studies at any time, but when they play around in suits of chocolate, sable, fawn, jet black, tortoise or golden agouti they become perfectly fascinating.

As in the case of all fads of this kind, the prices brought by these little pets are extremely steep. Fifteen dollars or $20 is not a large price to pay for a well bred mouse, and some of them have been sold for as high as $25

A Judicial Ruling.

During the hearing of a case at the Bloomsbury county court counsel referred to the defendant, an Oxford master of arts, as "this man," whereupon defendant's counsel protested, saying he might at least have used the word "gentleman." Judge Bacon — Nonsense. That is the sort of affectation you often hear among women when they say "you ought to call me a lady." In my opinion man is a much better title than gentleman.—London Telegraph.

You Can't Hear It.

There are many sounds animals can hear which are inaudible to man. Mr. Galton, the famous anthropologist, has invented a little whistle with an adjustable plug, by which it can be rendered more and more shrill till it ceases to give any note to our ears, yet a dog will hear it as a whistle still and answer readily its call.

The plant known as vervain, which is not distinguished for its beauty and which grows nowadays utterly disregarded, was so sacred to the Druids that they only gathered it for their divinations when the great dog star arose, in order that neither sun nor moon should see the deed.

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Prof. Jas. A. Willis, will expose the fraud of spiritualism and ghost-walking at Second Baptist church, Wednesday Eve., Dec., 28th.

A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

THE COMPASS AND THE GROWING USE OF ELECTRICITY.

A Danger That the Magnetic Needle May Be Rendered Practically Useless to the Mariner and the Surveyor—A Curious Discovery.

Although the invention and introduction of the trolley system of street railways have been of inestimable value to civilization it has incidentally wrought some harm here and there. Emphasis was laid on one of these drawbacks to electric traction in the address delivered by Professor A. W. Rucker at a recent meeting of the British Association For the Advancement of Science.

In various parts of the world observatories have been established for the purpose of keeping track of the changes in the direction in which the magnetic needle points. It was long ago discovered not only that the compass does not aim directly at the north pole, but that the amount of variation in its indications from true north undergoes slow alterations. Hence it is necessary to make fresh charts, showing the variation for different parts of the globe every few years. But in order to get the data for such corrections—of the highest importance to the surveyor and mariner—it is requisite that careful observations be made continuously at a number of widely separated points.

Two of the most famous and hitherto useful institutions of this class are situated in Washington, in the grounds of the naval observatory and in Toronto. The interference of the electric currents that run through the earth and the track of trolley lines which have been constructed near these observatories interfere so much with the behavior of the instruments of both places that the records now obtained are practically worthless. And the experts are greatly puzzled by the problem of escaping from this vexatious interruption of their work.

So delicate are the influences which the magnets in such an observatory are intended to investigate that they can be perceived only when the apparatus is most scrupulously guarded. The room in which they are mounted is underground. Visitors are never admitted except under unusual circumstances and are required to deposit their jackknives, keys and all other metallic objects about their persons before entering the apartment. The magnets, generally bars of steel not over six inches long, are poised above a scale that is graduated to the most minute fractions, and a telescope, on an adjacent pillar, is used to read the fluctuations, which are too small to be discernible by the unassisted eye. A tiny mirror, as big as a dime, catches a beam of light more slender than the lead in a pencil and reflects it away to a sheet of slowly moving photographic paper, on which a permanent record is made. The arrangement of the apparatus is such that the movement of the magnet is magnified many times in the record, in order to render the changes perceptible.

There are three sets of instruments on duty in such an observatory. One swings horizontally, like a mariner's compass. Another dips up and down. A third is designed to measure the intensity of the earth's magnetism, which is a separate thing from the direction in which it acts. And so sensitive are they that their readings are apt to be interfered with by exceedingly trivial causes. It is customary for the superintendent to inscribe on the scroll "Visitors admitted," whenever such a breach of the regulations is permitted, so that if any abnormal fluctuation is detected in the motion of the magnets a suspicion of its meaning will be excited in the mind of the scientist who afterward examines the photographic trace.

In spite of the delicacy of the apparatus, it may seem surprising to the lay mind that the passage of trolley currents at a distance of many rods from the observatory should be able to affect the instruments within. But they do, and it is impossible to separate in the record the variations produced by genuine changes in terrestrial magnetism from those which are caused by the trolley. Professor Rucker said a few days ago: "From all parts of the world we hear of observatories ruined or threatened by the invasion of the electrical engineer. Toronto and Washington have already succumbed, Potsdam, Parc St. Maur, Greenwich and Kew are besieged, and the issue largely depends upon whether these great national observatories can or cannot make good their defense."

Although the practical service to mankind which is rendered by institutions of this class is alone sufficient to justify their maintenance and to warrant alarm as to their future, there are other questions involved which possess profound interest for the philosopher. We know that the earth is a magnet, but as yet no one is able to say what makes it so. The fundamental secret of terrestrial magnetism has not been solved. Then, too, there are various changes in direction which mark the behavior of the needle that remain to be explained. What influence is it that makes the needle swing to and fro to a microscopic extent every day? Why is it that the diurnal swing is greater in years of sun spot abundance than at the minimum stage of solar activity? Why do the indications of the needle differ in summer from those of winter? What is the key to the mystery of the long period movement that makes it necessary to rechart the situation? What causes the convulsive behavior of the magnets for a few hours or days when there is a great outbreak of sun spots? And is there any relation between the weather and the fluctuations in the earth's magnetism? There are theories on these subjects, but no generally accepted doctrines, and the human mind is so constituted that it will not rest until further light is obtained.—New York Tribune.

NOT AFRAID OF MAN.

Remarkable Tameness of Animals In the Yellowstone Park.

The slaughter of birds has almost entirely removed one of the delightful accompaniments of life in the rural east—the music of the feathered songsters. Apropos of this, it may be said that one of the most pleasant features of the drive through the Yellowstone National park is the apparent intimacy between man and the animal and bird life in the park. Thanks to the wise and stringent regulations, no shooting is allowed within its boundaries.

"The result," says an English tourist, "is positively charming. Hundreds of little chipmunks, with their gaudy striped backs, scampered impudently about or peered at the passing coach from the roadside. The squirrel did not bolt for the nearest tree, but nodded a welcome. All bird life treated us likewise. Even the lordly eagle hovered near, and the wild turkey stalked unconcernedly through the rank grass. We were fortunate enough to see a fine specimen of the wolf tribe. He stood, a beautiful creature, and watched us out of sight, showing only curiosity, not fear. Another time were perceived a doe and fawn grazing by the road. Not until we were within a few feet did they seek the shelter of the woods, yet not to fly. They simply moved aside. Here at least mankind was regarded as a friend—one who could be trusted. The only animal who ran away was a brown bear. He turned tail at the sight of a coaching party, yet it was quite a common thing for bears to approach close to the hotels at evening to feed on the refuse thrown out. It was an after dinner relaxation for the guests to watch them feeding. They munched and disputed the choicest morsels, for the most part indifferent to the company. Only when we became inquisitive and approached too near did they retire, and these animals were perfectly free and unfettered in their movements. It may read like a fairy tale, but it is solid fact."—Troy Times.

MEN OF GENIUS.

Nature Likes Them Not and Invariably Crushes the Breed.

Through all time men of genius have scoffed at and have ridiculed the attempts of purse proud old "richesse" to create superior orders of manhood. Nor is this a matter for wonder. They were and are ridiculous. Yet these attempts are repeated every hour. Considering them one would suppose that wealth, titles, dignities, are talismans which insure virtue and honor and personal worth and beauty in those to whom they descend. Talismans are ridiculous, and so are titles.

Nobility is of blood and not of garters, royal sponsors and christening robes. Pedigrees, portraits and family history when truthful tell us a great deal about the nobility of a race. Titles, quarterings and patents are worthless, and the production of a great genius is in general as bad a sign as the production of a great profligate. Races that produce geniuses should be avoided. The best is the second best—the normal.

Genius, as some one (Victor Hugo, I think) has finely said, is a promontory stretching out into the ocean of the infinite. Look for the descendants of Shakespeare, Bacon, Macaulay, Wellington, Nelson, Gibbon, Swift, Voltaire, Carlyle, Bonaparte, Goldsmith, Spencer, Milton, Cromwell, Disraeli—to take a few names at random—and you will find that they are not, for the genius is always a transgressor of the normal—a "sport." He is never symmetrical. Such a one nature likes not, and she makes provision for the extinction of his race.—Humanitarian.

Illuminated Buoys.

Another form of beacon for mariners of smaller dimensions, but hardly less important, is the illuminated buoy. These floating lamp holders, placed in an estuary where the available channel is often only a narrow one, bounded by mud or sand banks only a few feet below the surface of the water, are invaluable to shipping, Hitherto the illuminant chiefly employed has been compressed gas, necessitating a high pressure reservoir and compressing machinery.

Mr. Wigham, whose name has long been known in connection with lighthouse apparatus, has introduced a mineral oil lamp which can be fitted to any existing buoy and will burn for a long period at very small cost. The maintenance of one form of lamp can be kept up at a cost of one penny for 24 hours, and as no compressing machinery is required this is the only expense plus the original cost of the lamp. The approach to port—such as that of Liverpool, for instance, where a ship has to enter through a long avenue of buoys—could by this invention be almost as well lighted as a city street.—Chambers' Journal.

A Warm England.

The extremes of outdoor temperature in England vary more than 123 degrees. The greatest heat probably on record was registered in the valley of the Medway on July 22, 1868, when the thermometer at Tonbridge stood in the shade at 100½ degrees F. Eleven years later, in December, 1879, 55 degrees of frost were recorded at Blackadder, in Berwickshire—i. e., 23 degrees below zero F. More remarkable, however, than the heat in summer were the hot winters of 1748 and 1857 and the warm Januarys of 1877, 1884 and 1898.—Notes and Queries.

His Only Alternative.

Little Dot was very fond of Bible stories, and one day after her mother had read the story of Lot's wife she asked, "Mamma, what did Mr. Lot do when his wife was turned into a pillar of salt?"

"What do you think he did?" asked mamma.

"Why," replied the practical little miss, "I s'pose he went out and hunted up a fresh one."—Chicago News.

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SELFISHNESS.

We Nearly Always Discover It In Others, but Never In Ourselves.

Probably the most insidious of all the faults is that upon the absence of which we most pride ourselves, and that at the same time we notice most readily in others. In some of us it is pride, in others gossiping. The list is long, and we know it without going into details, but that which we do not seem to realize is that the very most common fault of us all as a mass is selfishness.

We do know that nearly every one we meet is selfish, but we seldom discover how selfish we are ourselves unless shown by a sudden touch of deep regret. Most of us discover, for instance, that we were selfish in reference to some dear friend dead, but we stop right there, and while we regret the past and shed useless tears over the lost chance we do not make any new discoveries—namely, that we are selfish to our living friends—and while we think that they are being unfair, unkind, to us we forget to be generous ourselves, to look beyond the frown, the hard word, the selfish act or neglect, and see what it is that causes all this, to see what strain our friend is bearing and share it in so far as patience, generous forbearance, will lighten it.

Think how selfish most of us have been in time gone by, how quick words have gone out to hurt hearts already hurt, when from us at least that particular cross friend had a right to hope for better things.

Do not make a very close examination of things in general and see whether you are not yourself more selfish than are your friends, and remember that the greatest generosity in this world is to have patience with others in their "selfishness," for in half the cases at least it is pain or worry, not real intended unkindness at all.—Philadelphia Times.

OUR JAWS NEED EXERCISE.

Lack of Mastication Causes Dyspepsia and Teeth Troubles.

Mastication is rapidly becoming a lost art, and, although we have become hardened to the fact that three-fourths of the dyspepsia is due to this cause, it might surprise some of us to know that the early decay of the teeth and diseases of the gums are occasioned by this same lack of maxillary exercise.

A disease of the gums, called Rigg's disease, which is every day becoming more common, is caused almost entirely by the want of proper mastication. Twenty-five years ago this trouble was not considered of any importance by the dentist on account of its rare occurrence.

Today it is given more care than the decay of the teeth, as he is frequently consulted by patients who have a full set of natural teeth which are quite loose in the jaw. Aside from this they are sound and healthy, and after a certain development in the disease nothing can be done to help them.

By lack of exercise the blood which should nourish both the bones and the gums is not carried to the part, nor does the blood carry sufficient material to the teeth; hence the enamel formed is defective, and early decay results. Frequently, too, the mechanical development of the jaw is arrested by this same want of motion.

Most of the food among the better class of people today is cooked so as to require very little mastication, and the consequence is that the muscles have become flabby, the jaws slender and the processes for the attachment of the muscles almost obliterated.—Boston Globe.

Obedience of Orders.

A naval commander in the reign of Queen Anne was ordered to cruise with a squadron within certain limits on the coast of Spain. Having received information that a Spanish fleet was in Vigo beyond his limits, he resolved to risk his personal responsibility for the good of his country. He accordingly attacked and defeated the Spanish fleet with uncommon gallantry. When he joined the admiral under whom he served, he was ordered under arrest, and was asked, if he did not know that by the articles of war he was liable to be shot for disobedience of orders.

He replied with great composure that he was very sensible that he was, but added, "The man who is afraid to risk his life in any way when the good of his country requires it is unworthy of a command in her majesty's service."—Nuggets.

What He Found.

"I've opened about 3,000,000,000 oysters in my day," said the old oysterman who sells you the real genuine unfattened and unspoiled "salts," a penny apiece, in the shadow of one of the big market buildings, "and I have never found a pearl in one yet.

"But I've found something just as good as pearls," he added with a wink. "I have found four nice paying tenement houses and good balances in eight savings banks. There is a good deal in an oyster shell besides pearls, young man, if you will look close."—New York World.

The Sensible Girl.

"No," said the heroine of the "smart" novel, "I can never be your wife."

"But why?" wailed the stricken man.

"Because," she replied, "you do not converse in epigrams."—Philadelphia North American.

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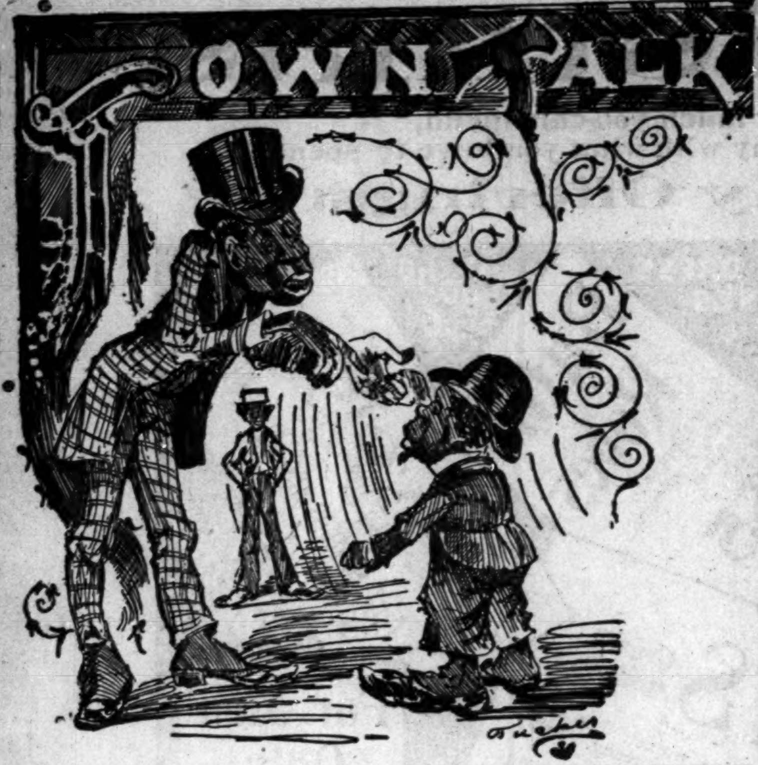

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The Wonder of the Age—hear it at Simpson's Chapel the 23rd.

Mr. Clarence W. Hines, is now foreman of the Grand barber shop.

Miss Sara Howell, has gone to Springfield, O., after a pleasant visit with relatives here.

Willis, the Great—at Second Baptist church, Wednesday evening Dec., 28. Admission 10c.

B. O. of C. P. promenade, Lyra Hall (next door to Park Theatre) Tuesday evening, Dec. 27. Music by the celebrated When Band Orchestra.—"Nuff sed."

Prof. Jas. A. Willis, will expose spiritualism at Simpson Chapel, Dec., 23rd. Admission Adults, 15c; Children, 10c.

Misses Ethel Johson and Louisa Wells accompanied by Miss Ester Mason will spend the Xmas Holidays in Chicago.

The best talent of the city will assist Prof. J. A. Willis at Simpson Chapel the 23rd. The admission is but 15c for adults; children, 10c.

You have never heard anything like it so you should hear and see Prof. Jas. A. Willis, at Simpson Chapel, the 23rd. Admission 15c children 10c.

Hon. James M. Huff, Representative elect, ex-Reading clerk of the State Legislature was in the city this week. He has proven to be a friend to the race in many ways.

Mme. Crockett—Scott, Miss Mamie Clay, Messrs Clifford Lewis and Ruby Bryon Shelton will assist Prof. Willis in his mysterious entertainment at Second Baptist church, Wednesday evening, Dec., 28. Admission 10.

Bethel Notes.

Rev. H. Chas. Pope. filled the pulpit very acceptably last Sunday night. "American Lynch-Law on Canvas," Monday and Tuesday nights was intensely interesting. No better satisfied audience ever left Bethel church than that which slowly passed out last Monday evening pondering over the scenes which had been so vividly portrayed to their vision. The funeral of Dr. William Chavis last Tuesday, was the largest that has been in the church in many years. To-morrow morning Rev. Mrs. Thompson. the great evangelist of Florida, will occupy the pulpit. She is said by those who have heard her to be the greatest female preacher that has ever visited our city.

Don't fail to attend the B. O. of C. P. promenade, Dec. 27, at Lyra Hall, near Park Theatre.—When Band Orchestra.

Do you believe in spiritualism or ghost-walking? If so, don't fail to see and hear Prof. Willis at Simpson Chapel, Friday evening Dec. 23. He will show you the fraud of the same. Admission 15c; children, 10c.

JONES TABERNACLE.

Our concert on Tuesday evening was well attended, and would have been more so if it had not been so cold. The little boy preacher is here, only 7 years old, Rev. Harry Killibrew, of Louisville Ky., and will preach Thursday and Friday nights, Sunday morning and evening, also Monday night; The sick are improving, Lue Hisar, is able to be removed home. The social club was entertained by Mrs. Stevenson, 1010 St. Peters street Thursday. Mrs. Della Southhall, joined the church.

The pastor preached a sermon on Tenperance Sunday morning which was delightful. The Sunday school had an entertainment Tuesday evening and night which was a success. Next Tuesday night Dec. 13th, Mrs. Celia Maxey will give a hoop drill and concert for the benefit of the Social Club. Admission 10 cents, everybody is invited. The Dorcas Circle met at Mrs. Jane Thompson's, Thursday and, a pleasant afternoon enjoyed by all the members present. The Social Club met at Mrs. B. C. Bowls, Thurday and Mrs. Randolph read her paper which was received by the club. Joined the church, Mrs. Bell Moxley, Wm. Richardson. Sick, Mrs. Annie Poole, Mrs. Bettie Ward, Mrs. Lue Hisar is improving.

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The McClain Lodge, No. 1. B. O. of C. P., will give their first annual promenade concert at Lyra Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 27. They have secured the celebrated When Band Orchestra which will give one of their unrivalled musical concerts on this occasion. Admission, 50c.

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A Trivial Incident That Led to the Wrecking of the Old Postoffice, and a Pitched Battle In Which Seven Men Were Slain.

"One of the worst shooting scrapes that ever happened along the Mississippi river," began the man at the wheel, relaxing his hold on the tiller, which had been hard down, and permitting it to spin around with the velocity of a top, "took place out there, just above the mouth of the bayou, about 30 years ago, when they burned the old postoffice and the warehouse. You can see where they stood by the piles of bricks there on the bank."

All admitted the ruins were plainly visible, when he changed to the opposite side of the wheel, and after a spirited effort made to counteract the effects of an impinging current that had caused the boat to swerve from her course he continued:

"The boat that I was on had got caught in the fog, and we tied up under the point there about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and a lot of us went on shore to take a little exercise. It was on a Saturday, and a good many people had come in from the country to do their trading and get their mail. Some of them were pitching quoits and others shooting at a mark when we first landed, but they quit when they saw the man carry the mail bag we had brought and went in and stood around waiting for the letters to be sorted. They had all been drinking and were pretty noisy When the postmaster said there were only two letters and that they were both for Bud Johnson, a colored man, a murmur of disapproval went around, and several of them insisted on a new deal.

" 'You can look for yourselves,' said the postmaster, tossing them the bag, but after searching and finding it empty they were in a worse frame of mind than ever. Presently one of the number, a local politician, got up and made a speech derogatory to the administration. He insisted that the government was prejudiced against white folks, and that he had no use for the office anyhow. Several of the others present expressed their approval of this sentiment, and a general smashing up of everything at once followed. During the row the coal oil lamp was broken, the house set on fire and everything burned up.

"Colonel Bunch, who owned the property, noticing the fire, came up from his plantation below and denounced the perpetrators of the outrage as vandals. The colonel was a high spirited man and didn't stand any foolishness, but was getting along in years now and couldn't do much but talk, so that when one of the men declared he could whip any Bunch on earth he looked like he felt himself in a pretty close place, but the colonel stood his ground until at last, when the contending parties were about to come to blows, his son appeared upon the scene, and, learning the cause of the trouble, sprang between the two, and, drawing his revolver, said, 'My name is Bunch, and when my father gets to be too old to defend himself I can stand in his tracks and take his part.'

"At this juncture the shooting commenced, and I made for the boat. Everybody seemed to take sides against the Bunches, and you would have thought them a band of guerrillas from the way they kept the fight up. Presently I noticed the colonel roll down the bank and stop just at the edge of the water, and then his son came staggering down, too, and fell near his side. They were both dead! We wanted to leave, but the men were afraid to go on shore to untie the lines, for the infuriated crowd was still calling for more Bunches and the colored man who had got the letters, but he had climbed a tree, and they didn't know where he was. An hour or so later, when the crowd had dispersed, he slid down from his hiding place, came aboard the boat and we had him in the hold until we got away and he was over his fright. He said there were five men lying on the bank that the Bunches had killed before they fell."

The boat at this juncture showing a disposition to become fractious, the pilot gave his undivided attention for a moment to the wheel, when he went on:

"But there is not much shooting along the river now, and you hardly ever hear of a feud. When there were only about three families in a county, two of them were usually engaged in an effort to exterminate the other on account of some imaginary wrong, or maybe prompted by jealousy. Since the country has been settled up they are all right. I used to think myself," he went on to say after a brief tussle with the tiller, "that what a man wanted was room, but I have found out my mistake. What he stands most in need of is plenty of good neighbors, and I find that the thicker you put people the better they get along. It makes them more human, and besides they come to know something, which is not the case when they live alone. I have learned a good deal myself by traveling around and seeing what is in the world, for I usually go east every summer to swap malarias."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Caused the First Coolness.

Mr. Newlywed (reading)—Nobody ever yet saw a dead mule.

Mrs. Newlywed (who is thinking of something else and not listening)—Don't you think your life insurance premiums are a waste of money, John?—Boston Journal.

Just Like Other People.

"You look nice enough to eat," exclaimed the youth.

"And so I do," replied the maiden; "three times a day."—Ohio State Journal.

IN RUSTIC WAYS.

The blackbirds whistle all day long
A rhythmic gladness in their song,
And night and morning down the lane
Drifts by the cowbells' rude refrain.

The flicker dips on golden wings,
And far across the meadow swings.
The swallow skims in lines of grace
Like to the curves that painters trace.

Above, below and everywhere
A sense of living thrills the air.
Spring's message through the silent sent
With earth and wood and sky is blent.

The hedgerow blossoms stain the sod,
The south winds make the grasses nod.
And woolly lambs in awkward play
Down the green hillside ambling stray.

Along the blue horizon rim
The lights and shadows sink or swim.
And penciled faintly on the skies
A ghostly half moon's crescent lies.

The blackbirds chant the whole day long
A rhythmic madness in their song.
And dusk and dawn along the lane
Echoes the cowbells' rude refrain.

—Ernest McGaffey in Woman's Home Companion.

ONE GLASS OF WINE.

A Belief That It Changed the History of This Country.

It is said that a single glass of wine probably wrecked the Democratic party in 1860. The story is worth telling. After the breaking up of the national Democratic convention at Charleston the party in Georgia held a state convention. Great excitement prevailed. The leaders of the party could not agree. It was a critical period.

The majority report indorsed the seceders or bolters at Charleston, while the minority report opposed their action. The leading champion of the minority was Herschel V. Johnson, and his followers were confident that his eloquence and logic would carry the day.

It is quite likely that such would have been the case but for an unfortunate mishap. Ex-Governor Johnson began his speech before the noon adjournment on the second day and concluded after dinner.

Old men who remember that speech say that it was a powerful argument, and the impression gained ground that after the noon recess the speaker would demolish his opponents with a few sledge hammer blows.

But the overconfident friends of the minority report were doomed to disappointment. Johnson felt the strain of the morning session so much that he was unable to eat anything, and he took a glass of wine upon an empty stomach to strengthen himself. This was a fatal mistake. That one glass of wine perhaps changed the destiny of the nation!

The great orator resumed his speech, but the wine had nauseated him. He was hazy, verbose and unintelligible at times. His style and argument lacked vigor, consistency and positiveness. His friends looked at one another in despair The men on the other side were exultant. It was evident that the speaker had damaged his own cause.

Then Howell Cobb and Henry R. Jackson followed each other for the majority report. They spoke with an air of expectant triumph and captured the convention.

The majority report was adopted. It is unnecessary to follow the history of the next few weeks. The national Democracy was completely disrupted and put two tickets in the field. Lincoln was elected and the country was plunged into a civil war. Had Johnson succeeded in inducing the Georgia convention to adopt his conservative ideas, it is safe to say that other southern states would have fallen into line with our commonwealth, and the national Democratic party would have remained united.

This is the story of what a little glass of wine did. It ruined a great party, caused a disastrous war, and besides the loss of life cost the south over $4,000,000,000. Perhaps this is rather speculative, but there are many who believed it a generation ago.—Atlanta Constitution.

Didn't Irritate Him.

Here is a glimpse of the seamy side of life in Cornwall from The Cornish Magazine:

"I'm afraid, Jenny, you irritate your husband with your long tongue."

"Aw, no, my dear Miss Vivian, I'd never say nawthen to en. To'ther day I was 'ome waitin for'n to come 'ome to supper. Eight o'clock come, an no Jan; 9 o'clock come, an no Jan; 10 o'clock come, an no Jan. I put up me bonnet an shoal an went to every kiddly wink in town, thout Dyke Winsor's. When I come there, there wor Jan. Says I, 'You ugly murderen veilan, theest killed thee fust wife an now theest want to kill me, too,' an he up an knacked me down."

An Easy Way Out.

At a school inspection some of the boys found a difficulty in the correct placing of the letters "i" and "e" in such words as "believe," "receive," etc.

When the inspector said blandly, "My boys, I will give you an infallible rule, one I invariably use myself," the pupils were all attention, and even the master pricked up his ears.

The inspector continued: "It is simply this: Write the 'i' and 'e' exactly alike and put the dot in the middle over them."—Liverpool Mercury.

Both Sides.

Papa—You saw that big boy whipping the little one, and you didn't interfere. Suppose you had been that little boy?

Bobbie—I did think of that and was going to part 'em, but then I happened to think s'pose I was the big boy? So I left 'em alone.—London Fun.

Too Great a Risk.

"James, if anybody inquires for me today, tell them I am not in."

"Yes, sir."

"There might possibly be one who would not have a bill," muttered the young man, "but I'll not risk it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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